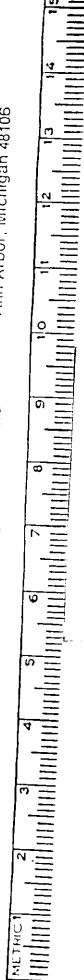


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T O
The Lady NEWTON.

Madam,

HAVING in obedience to a
Father's command made
this first attempt upon Learning,
my duty next directs me to lay it
at your Ladiship's feet. The Ori-
ginal I received from a Person
whose loss can never be too much
lamented by any but your self,
my dearest Cousin and your in-
comparable Son M^r Newton. Par-
don me, Madam, that I have awa-
red a Grief which is alwaies too

A 3 busie

Given P^{er} 3 Nov. 42. B. 10. 10. 10.

busie in disturbing your rest: I
will therefore forbear those prai-
ses due to his memory, which
upon any other account it were a
kind of Sacrilege to suppress; and
shall onely beg your Ladiship's
pardon for this Address, which
affords me the honour of being
known to be,

Madam,

Your Ladiship's

Most obedient Nephew

and most humble Servant,

THOMAS STANLEY

Preface.

TO pass by that *Ælian* (if his name
were such, for some Copies read
Helian, others *Hadrian*) whom *Mar-
tial*, lib. 12. *Epigr.* 24. mentions as his con-
temporary and friend: The first eminent
person of this name was the Author of the
Tacticks, who appears to have been (not
a Roman but) a *Grecian*, in regard he ac-
knowledgeth in his Preface that he had no
knowledge of the *Roman* Tacticks. The
time wherein he lived is manifestly collected
from the same Preface, which he addresseth
to the Emperour *Adrian*, and in it saith
that he met *Nerva* at *Formia*.

Later in time (as being contemporary
with *Philostratus* the *Lemnian* who lived
under *Severus*) was *Ælian* the Sophist,
of whom *Philostratus* gives this account;

*Ælian was a Roman, but spoke Greek as
purely as those who lived in the midst of
Attica: This man seems to me worthy of
praise; First, because though he lived in
a City which used another Language, yet
he arrived at the purity of the Greek:
Next, because being honoured by the Title*

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of Sophist by those who used to confere such attributes, he was nothing the more confident of himself, nor conceited of his own opinion, nor exalted with so great a title, but making scrutiny into himself, and finding himself not proper for publick declamations, he gave himself to writing, in which he was admirable. His style is unaffected, with a gracefulness beyond Nicostratus. Sometime he imitates Dion and his way. On a time Philostratus the Lemnian found him intent upon a Book, and reading it with anger and cagernes, he asked him what he was about; He answered, I am making a declamation against Gynnis, for so I name that Tyrant who so lately by his infamous life dishonoured Rome. Philostratus replied, I should have admired you, if you had declaimed against him whilest he was living; for to oppose a living Tyrant is manly, but every one can revile him when dead. This man said that he never went out of Italy, that he never went on Shipboard, or saw the Sea; for which he was much respected by the Romans, as one that loved their manners. He was a bearer of Pausanius: but he admired Herod as the most florid of all Oratours. He lived above threescore years, and died without issue; for he approved

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proved not the having of Children or marriage.

Suidas more briefly of the same *Alian* of Preneeste in Italy, chief Priest and Sophist, surnamed Claudius called Meliglossus and Meliphthongus taught Rhetorick in Rome in the times after Adrian. Suidas implieth that he lived under *Antoninus* who succeeded *Adrian*, but that he was not the same with the other *Alian*, Author of the *Tacticks*.

This last *Alian* in all probability, was the Author of this Treatise, as also of that concerning living Creatures; both which are one style, and that much different from his who wrote the *Tacticks*. In his Treatise concerning living Creatures he cites *Dion (Cassius)* who lived under *Severus*: In this, he takes many passages out of *Athenaus*, not *Athenaus* out of him; for *Athenaus* is very punctual in citing his Authors omitted by the other.

ON

ON
Ælian his Various History, Translated
 into English by Mr *Thomas Stanley*, the hopeful
 and onely Son of my dearest Friend *Thomas Stanley*
 of *Cumberlow*, Esquire.

ÆLIAN, as if affecting to be known
 To others in a Language not his own,
 This Curious Piece thought fit at first t' express,
 Though native Roman, in a Grecian dress.
 Thou, kind to him and us, what lay conceal'd
 In a learn'd Tongue, have in our own reveal'd;
 And taught our generous Youth by this Essay,
 T'improve those hours they vainly cast away.
 Your blooming years forth early Vertues shoot,
 And ere we Leaves expected, shew us Fruit;
 Such, and so various, as must needs invite
 The dull, and please the curious appetite.
 Not to know what was done ere we were born,
 Is to live Children still; the too-just scorn
 Of many an aged head: This slothful crime
 Your industry refells; looks back on Time,
 And shews as present in old *Ælian's* Glass
 What-ere of rarest note long since did pass;
 And that transmitted in a style and phrase
 As pleasing as the * *Tempe* it displaces.

Goe on (dear Sir,) Goe on, and nobly trace
(Iulus-like) though with unequal pace,
Your learned Father's steps, who does engage
By so much Worth this too ungrateful age:
And think it still your best concern, you shou'd
Be like him in Variety of Good.

Edw. Sherburne.

To

To
M^r THOMAS STANLEY,

ON
His Translation of

ÆLIAN's Various History.

[F from a Glorious Morn we justly may
Take a Prognostick of th' ensuing Day;
What do these early glories promise, when
You shall arrive at your Meridian?
When at an Age others scarce read their own,
The Roman and Greek Tongues to you are known;
Which, like some subtle Merchant, coasting o're,
(Not in the search of Spices or of Ore)
You at a Noble way of Traffick aim,
Bring Learning home, to barter here for Fame.
I have made a fair Return, let your success
Tempt you to Sea again: Nor could we less
Expect from you, whose happy Birthright laies
Hereditary claim unto the Baies:
For to be much and early leavis'd's your fate;
Not to be so, were to degenerate.

Goe

Goe on in your Paternal tracks of Fame,
 T'entail the style of Learned on your Name:
 And let the Trophæes of your Labours be
 As Various as your Ælian's Historie,
 But I these vain Encouragements might spare,
 What we would have you be, is what you are.

Richard Stokes, M.D.

ΠΡΟ

ΠΡΟΕ ΤΟΝ ἈΝΔΡΟΠΑΙΔΑ

μεθρμυλωδῶ τῷ Αἰλιανοῦ βιβλίῳ

ὡδὶ ποιικίλης ἱστορίας.

ΤΙΣ Γφὸς ἡγήτωρ ὦδ' ὄχευ' Ἑλλάδα πολλῶν
 Δῶρε μετοικίζειν ἔχαπν ὡς βορέαι;
 Ἄγχιος Ῥωμῶν πρυπτοῖων ἴσσορ λεσχῶν
 Ἑλλάδος οὐ γλώσσης ἔπλασεν εἰς ἰδίαν.
 Στρυμῆος λαμπροῦ πατρὸς ὃ Ψυδάνυμος ὕδρ
 Αἰλιανὸν, νέος ὢν, ἄρπ μετεφρόσατο.
 Ὡδε δὲ τίς εἴπεσκεν δῆρ ὡς ἔκλυεν ἔργον
 Ἥλικίδν τε νέδμ. Ὡ γλυκερὰ κεφαλῇ,
 Ἑλπίδς ὃ Φαῦλα. μείζον γδ κῶδς ὀφείλεις
 Σάτω, ὃ κλειῆ πατείδι, καὶ ἡμέτη.
 Εὐ ἄρξας θάρσει· σὺ δὲ μοι Μυζῶν τ' ὄξετῃς τε
 Λοιπὸν ἐπεντείνας ἐξδμύσαο δρόμον.

Χρ. Ουάσιος.

ÆLIAN's

Various History.

The First Book.

CHAP. I.

Of the Polypus.

THE * Polypusses are so ravenous that they devour all they light on; so that many times they abstain not even from one another. The lesser taken by the greater, and falling into his stronger nets, (which are usually called the hairs, or grasps of the Fish) becometh his prey. They also betray Fishes in this manner; lurking under the Rocks they change themselves to their colour, and seem to be all one with the Rock it self. When therefore the Fishes swim to the Rocks, and so to the Polypus, they intangle them in their nets, or grasps.

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CHAP. II.
Of Spiders.

The art of weaving and the gifts of the
* Minerva. Goddess * *Ergane*, Spiders neither know
nor require: for what should such a Creature
doe with woven garments? The web
is onely spread as a net for such things as
fall into it, whilst she standing still, im-
movable, keeps watch: whatsoever falls
in she eats; it being as much as the web
can hold, is enough to satisfy her hunger.

CHAP. III.
Of the Egyptian Frogs.

The *Egyptian* kinde of Frogs hath a
peculiar wisdom, and farre excelleth all
other: For if a Frog meeteth a Serpent
bred in *Nilus*, she biteth off a piece of reed
and holds it as fast as she can cross-wise,
and will not let it goe. The Serpent is not
able to swallow the reed, because his mouth
is not so wide as the reed. Thus the Frog
by wisdom overcome and masters the
strength of the Serpents.

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CHAP. IV.
Of the Egyptian Dog.

This also is wise in the *Egyptian* Dogs:
they drink of the River not greedily or
freely, stooping and lapping till they have
at the same time satisfied their thirst, for
they are afraid of the Creatures in it; but
run along the bank, and catch up drink by
stealth at times, till at last they have al-
layed their thirst by snatches without re-
ceiving harm.

CHAP. V.
Of the Sea-Fox.

The Fox, not onely the Land-beast is
wily, but the Sea-Fox very cunning: for
she scruples not the bait, neither being gree-
dy, refrains from it, but contemneth the
hook; for before the Fisher can pluck up
the reed, she leaps up, and gnawing the line
asunder, swims away. So that many times
she swallows two or three hooks, yet the
Fisherman cannot get her for his Supper.

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CHAP. VI.

Of Sea-Tortoises.

The Sea-Tortoises lay upon land, and having laid, they immediately bury their eggs in the ground, and returning to their usual abode, swim there: They are so good accomptants, that having reckoned forty daies, (in which time the eggs are hardned and become living creatures) they returning to the place where they hid what they laid, and digging up the earth which they had cast upon them, lead their young away, now able to follow them.

CHAP. VII.

Of wild Swine.

Wild Swine are not wholly ignorant of Physick and Medicine; for if unwittingly they have eaten Henbane, whereby their hinder parts are contracted with a kinde of Palsie, though thus shrunk up, they make to the waters, where they get Crabs and eat them with all haste. These afford remedy of their ill, and make them sound again.

CHAP. VIII.

Of the Phalangium.

The * Phalangium is as hurtful to Deer * A kinde as to Men: If they bite the Deer, they are of Spider. in danger of dying quickly after it; yet if they tast Ivy, the bite will not harm them. But it must be wild Ivy.

CHAP. IX.

Of the Lion, sick.

When a Lion is sick, nothing will cure him but to eat an Ape.

CHAP. X.

How the Cretan Goats cure themselves when shot.

The *Cretans* are excellent Archers; they shoot the Goats which feed on the tops of mountains, which being hurt, immediately eat of the herb Dittany, which as soon as they have tasted, the Arrow drops out.

CHAP. XI.

That Mice have Præscience.

Mice also are to be reckoned among creatures of greatest Præscience; for when a House decayeth and is ready to fall, they first perceive it, and leaving their holes and former dwellings, run away as fast as they can, and remove to new,

CHAP. XII.

Of Pismires.

Pismires also, as I am informed, have some kinde of Præscience; for when there shall be a Famine, they take pains extraordinarily to carry in provision, and lay up corn and other grain on which they feed,

CHAP. XIII.

Of Gelo.

Gelo the Syracusan dreaming that he was thunder-struck, cried out, not with a soft or low voice, as is usual in dreams, but aloud, being exceedingly affrighted. The dog which lay asleep by him, wakened with the cry, went round about him, and

fell a barking fiercely and eagerly; By which means Gelo was at once delivered from sleep and fear.

CHAP. XIV.

Of the Swan.

Aristotle saith that the Swan begets a fair and numerous offspring; but that they are prone to anger, fighting and killing one another. He also affirms the Swans warre with the Eagles, but so as that they resist onely, not begin the assault. It is commonly reported they sing sweetly; but I never heard a Swan sing, nor perhaps any man else; yet it is believed she sings, and then especially (as is said) she sings most sweetly and pleasantly when she draws near her end. They cross the Sea and fly too over it, yet their wings never are tired.

CHAP. XV.

Of Pigeons.

They report that Pigeons (the male and the female) sit upon their eggs by turns; which being hatched, the male bedews them with a kinde of spittle to avert envy, and (as it is said) that they may not be li-

able to fascination. The female laies two eggs, of which the first alwaies proveth a male, the second a female. They lay all the year long, so that they bring forth young ten times in the year. Of *Agypt* it is reported, that Pigeons lay twelve times [a year] in that Countrey. *Aristotle* asserts that wood-pigeons are different from house-pigeons, these being bigger, those lesser: besides, house-pigeons are tame, wood-pigeons wild. He also affirms that the male-couples not with the female till he hath kiss'd her, for she will not admit his society without a kiss. * * * But if we credit *Callimachus*, the *phassa*, the *Pyrrallus*, the House-pigeon and the Turtle are nothing alike.

The *Indian* Relations tell us that in *India* there are yellowish Pigeons: *Charon* of *Lampsacus* affirms that about *Athos* there were seen white Pigeons when the *Persian* Gallies coasting about *Athos* were defeated there. At *Eryx* in *Sicily* is the renowned and sacred Temple of *Venus*; where when the *Erycinians* celebrate the [Feast] *Anagogia*, (at which time they say *Venus* removes from *Sicily* to *Libya*) all the Pigeons disappear, as if they went along with the Goddess. At all times else it is certain

certain that a great number of these Birds are about the Temple. Moreover the *Achaens* report that *Jupiter* falling in love with a Virgin named *Phthia*, turned himself to a Pigeon: *Phthia* lived at *Agium*.

CHAP. XVI.

Of Socrates drinking Hemlock.

When the Ship returned from *Delos*, and *Socrates* was now to die, *Apollodorus* (a friend of *Socrates*) coming to him in Prison brought him a Vest of fine cloth and rich, with a Gown of the same, desiring him that he would put on that Vest and Gown when he was to drink the poison; since he should not fail of handsome Funeral-Robes if he died in them. "For it is not * unfit that a dead body should be covered with decent ornaments. Thus *Apollodorus* to *Socrates*. But he would not permit it, saying to *Crito*, *Simmias* and *Phado*, "How high an opinion hath *Apollodorus* of us, if he believe that after I have pledged the *Athenians*, and taken the potion, he shall see *Socrates* any more? "For if he thinks that he which shall shortly lie at your feet extended on the ground is *Socrates*, it is certain he knows me not.

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CHAP. XVII.

Of a very little Chariot, and an Elegiack Distich.

The admired little works of *Myrmecides* a *Milesian*, and *Callicrates* a *Lacedemonian*. They made Chariots with four horses which a fle might cover; They writ an Elegiack Distich in golden letters in a *Sesamum*: Neither of which a wise man (I think) will praise; for what are these but a vain waste of time?

CHAP. XVIII.

Of Women vain in apparel.

Were not many Women [among the Ancients] luxurious in apparel? They wore on their heads a high Coronet, on their feet Chiappines: They had also long Ear-rings hanging at their ears. That part of their Gowns which reacheth from the shoulder to the hand was not sowed together, but fastned all along with buttons of gold and silver. Thus did the women among the Ancients: The vanity of the *Athenian* women let *Aristophanes* relate.

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CHAP. XIX.

The Luxury of the Sybarites, Colophonians, and Corinthians.

It is a common saying and known to all, that to the *Sybarites* and the City *Sybaris* the cause of destruction was their great luxury. But I will relate what is not commonly known: They say that the *Colophonians* also were ruined by excessive luxury; for they also went proudly attired, were lavish at their Tables farre beyond need, and apt to affront others. Likewise the reign of the *Bacchiadae* at *Corinth* (when they had arrived to great power) was destroyed by immoderate luxury.

CHAP. XX.

Of Dionysius his Sacrilege.

Dionysius plundered all the Temples of *Syracuse* of their Treasure. From the Statue of *Jupiter* he took the Robe and Ornaments, valued at fourscore and five Talents of gold. The publick Artificers not being forward to touch the Statue, the first laid hands upon it. He likewise robbed *Apollo's* Image of a golden Periwig, which he

* *Ἀγασθὶς*
ἀγασθὺς,
 a cup which
 they used to
 drink after
 meals, after
 which the
 Tables were
 taken away.

he commanded to be cut off. Sailing thence to *Træzene*, he impiously took away all the Treasure of *Apollo* and *Leucothea*. He also having drank a * grace-cup, commanded a silver Table which stood by *Apollo* to be taken away.

CHAP. XXI.

How Ismenias without dishonour adored the King of Persia.

I cannot omit the wife and truly *Græcian* action of *Ismenias* a *Theban*: Being by his Countrey sent Embassadour to the King of *Persia*, he went thither, and would have spoken himself to the *Persian* about his business; but the Captain, whose office it was to report business to the King, and to conduct such as were admitted to his presence, told him, "*Theban*, (he spake this merrily by an Interpreter, the Captain's name *Tithraustes*) "the Law of the *Persians* is, that "he who cometh into the King's presence, "shall not speak with him till he hath first "adored him. If therefore you will goe "in person to him, you must doe what the "Law requires; otherwise your business "may be done by us, though you adore "not." Conduct me, said *Ismenias*. When he

* Falling
 prostrate.

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he came into the King's presence, he plucked off a Ring which he had upon his finger, and letting it secretly drop, stooped down as if he had adored, and took it up again, making the King believe that he adored; yet he did nothing that might dishonour the *Greeks*. By this means he obtained all that he requested, and was not denied any thing by the *Persian* [Emperour.]

CHAP. XXII.

The gifts which the Kings of Persia used to bestow upon Embassadors.

The gifts which the King gave to Embassadors who came to him either from *Greece* or elsewhere were these: To every one a *Babylonian* Talent of finest silver; two silver Cups, * each weighing a Talent. The *Babylonian* Talent makes twenty two Attick pounds. He gave them also a Scimitar and Bracelets, and a Chain, all which were valued at a thousand *Daricks*. Likewise a *Median* Vest which they called a *Dorophorick*.

* Read *τα-
λαντιανα*.

CHAP. XXIII.

Of Gorgias and Protagoras.

Among the ancient *Greeks*, *Gorgias* the *Leontine* son of *Philolaus*, and *Protagoras* son of *Democritus*, were famous as to Rhetorical opinion; yet were they as far short of others in wisdom as boys are of men; For opinion neither hears nor sees clearly: whence it oftentimes erres, overprizing some things, undervaluing others.

CHAP. XXIV.

Of the Contest betwixt Hercules and Lepreas.

Glaucon [or *Caucon*] son of *Neptune* had by *Astydamia*, daughter of *Phorbas*, a son named *Lepreas*, who counselled *Augeas* to cast *Hercules* in bonds when he came to demand the reward of his labours. Hereupon, as it seems, *Lepreas* was hated by *Hercules* for this advice. Afterwards the son of *Jupiter* [*Hercules*] went to * *Caucon*; but at the intercession of *Astydamia* laid aside all enmity towards *Lepreas*. Then there happened a youthful emulation between them, and they challenged

* To demand revenge on his son: so Scheffer.

ged one another at the *Discus*, and to draw Water, and which of them could first eat an Oxe. In all which *Lepreas* was overcome.

Hereupon another contention arose, which of them could drink most, in which also *Lepreas* was worsted. At last, moved with anger and indignation, he challenged *Hercules* to single combate. Thus he received punishment for his counsel to *Augeas*, for he was slain in the fight.

CHAP. XXV.

Of Alexander's magnificence to Phocion, and his to Alexander.

Alexander the son of *Philip*, (or, if any one likes it better, of *Jupiter*, for to me it is all one) to *Phocion* the *Athenian* Captain onely began his letters with the usual form of salutation, *Hail*; so much had *Phocion* won upon the *Macedonian*. He also sent him a hundred Talents of silver, and named four Cities, of which he might chuse any one to receive the revenues and profits thereof for his own use. These Cities were *Cius*, *Elæa*, *Mylasa*, *Patara*: thus did *Alexander* liberally and magnificently. But *Phocion* farre more, who accepted neither the

the City nor the Silver; yet that he might not seem to dis-esteem and condemn the offers of *Alexander*, he expressed his respect to him thus: He requested that they who were kept Prisoners in the Tower of *Sardis* might be set at liberty; *Echecratides* the Sophist, *Athenodorus* of *Himera*, *Demaratus* and *Sparto*: these two were brethren and *Rhodians*.

CHAP. XXVI.

Of Aglais a great eater.

I have heard of a woman that could found a Trumpet, which art was her way of living, by name *Aglais*, daughter of *Meagacles*; she wore a Periwig and a plume on her head, as *Posidippus* relates. At one meal she did devour twelve pounds of flesh, and four * *Chœnixes* of bread, and drank a * *Congius* of wine.

* Peck
loaves.
* Nine
pints.

CHAP. XXVII.

Other great eaters.

These are reported to have been extraordinary great eaters; *Pityreus* a *Phrygian*, *Cambletes* a *Lydian*, *Thus* a *Paphlagonian*, *Charidas*, *Cleonymus*, *Pisander*, *Charippus*

Mithri-

Mithridates of *Pontus*, *Calamodorus* of *Cyzicus*, *Timocreon* a *Rhodian*, both a Wrestler and Poet, *Cantibaris* a *Persian*, *Erycithon* son of *Myrmidon*, who for that reason was nick-named * *Æthon*. It is said also that there is a Temple in *Sicily* dedicated to Gluttony, and an Image of *Ceres* the Corn-giver. Likewise *Alcman* the Poet attests of himself that he was a great eater. And *Anaxilas* the Comick Poet saith that there was one *Ctesias* an extraordinary Glutton.

* So reade,
As Say, as
Scheffer.

CHAP. XXVIII.

Diet of Fish much esteemed by the Rhodians.

I will tell you a *Rhodian* opinion. In *Rhodes*, they say that if a man looks upon Fish with a great liking, and loves * Fish above all other meat, they esteem him an extraordinary person: But such as like the diet of Flesh better are reproched by the *Rhodians* as clownish and gluttonous, whether justly or wrongfully, I not examine.

* Οφθαλμὸν
γίγαντον.

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CHAP. XXIX.

Of an Ewe which eaned a Lion.

The *Coans* report that an Ewe in the patures of *Nicippus* the Tyrant did ean, not a Lamb, but a Lion. By which sign it was portended to *Nicippus* (as yet but a private person) that he should be King.

CHAP. XXX.

That Galetes was beloved of Ptolemee not more for his beauty than his prudence.

King *Ptolemee* loved a youth named *Galetes*: he was very beautiful, but of a mind transcending his form; which *Ptolemee* frequently testified of him, saying, "Oh thou sweetest of disposition! thou never wert author of harm to any, but on the contrary hast done several good offices to many. On a time this youth rode forth with the King, and beholding afarre off some Malefactors led to execution, he readily said, (speaking to *Ptolemee*) "O King, "since it is our chance to be on horse-back "according to some good Genius of those "wretches, come, if you please, let us spur "on and overtake them, that we may ap-
"pear

pear to the unhappy men as the * *Dioscuri*, preservers and succourers (so those Gods are called.) *Ptolemee*, much pleased with this sweet disposition and proneness to mercy, embraced him, and not onely saved the Malefactors, but confirmed and increased the affection he bare him.

CHAP. XXXI.

The Persian custome of presenting Gifts to the King.

The *Persians* have a custome which they observe most strictly; When the King rides abroad in *Persia*, all the *Persians* make him Presents according to their several abilities. They who live by the labour of their hands in husbandry and tillage, give one neither too mean, nor too rich or too magnificent, but either Oxen or Sheep; some also Corn or Wine. These are presented to him by every one as he rides along, and are called Presents, by which name he also accepts them. The poorer sort bring Milk, Palms, Cheese, ripe Fruits, and other delicacies which grow in that Countrey.

CHAP. XXXII.

Of Water presented as a gift to the King of Persia.

This also is a *Persian* story. They report that a *Persian* called *Sinetes*, being far from home, met *Artaxerxes* surnamed *Mnemon*; being thus surpris'd, he was much perplexed with fear of the Law and respect of the King. Having nothing at that time to give him, and being much troubled to be exceeded in duty by the rest of the *Persians*, unwilling that he alone should be infamous for not making a Present, they say that with all speed he ran to the River hard by, which was named *Cyrus*, and hastily lying down took up water in both his hands. "O King *Artaxerxes*, (said he) reign for ever. I make you at this time such a Present as I can get, and in such a manner as I can, that as farre as lies in me you may not pass by unpresented. I pay you homage in the water of *Cyrus*. But when you shall come at night to your station, I will bring from my house, and present you, the best and richest things that I have, according to my ability: I shall not come behind any of those who now offer

"you

you gifts. *Artaxerxes* was much pleased therewith. "Man, (saith he) I accept thy Present kindly, and reckon it amongst the most precious, declaring that it is of equal value with them; First, because Water is the best of all things; next, because it bears the name of *Cyrus*. And I will that you come to me where I shall lodge to night. This said, he commanded the Eunuchs to take the Gift from him; who instantly running to him, received the Water out of his hand into a golden Cup. The King, as soon as he came to his lodging, sent him a *Persian* Vell, a golden Cup, and a thousand Daricks; withall, gave the Bearer order to say thus; "The King commands you to delight your mind with this, because you have delighted his, in not suffering him to pass by unpresented and without homage; but paid him such respect as necessity would then allow. He wills also that you drink water from that River in this Cup.

CHAP. XXXIII.

Of an extraordinary great Pomegranate presented to the same King.

Mithras presented an extraordinary great Pomegranate in a Basket to *Artaxerxes*; he was riding in *Persepolis*. The King admiring the largeness of it, "From what Paradise" (said he) did you take this gift which you bring me? He answered, out of his own grounds, and that it was of his own grafting. The King was exceedingly pleased, and sent him royal gifts, saying, "By

* The Sun, chief City of the Persians.

Mithras, this man by like care and diligence might also in my opinion make his little City great. This speech implies that by continual industry and labour, all things may be made better than Nature hath produced them.

CHAP. XXXIV.

Of a Father, who accused his Son of a Capital crime.

A certain man, by Countrey *Mardian* by name *Rhacoces*, had seven sons, the youngest of which, named *Cartomes*, did many

many harms to the * *Magi*. His Father * *Scheffer*, first tried to reform his manners by admonition and instruction: but he not obeying, and the Judges coming to the place where this young man's Father lived, he taking his Son, and binding his hands behind him, brought him before the Judges, where he accused his Son of all the several outrages which he had committed, and desired the Judges to put the young man to death. They amazed hereat, would not condemn him, but brought them both before *Artaxerxes*; where the *Mardian* persisting in his plea, the King interrupting him said, "Then you can endure that your Son should be put to death before your eyes. He answered, "Most willingly: For when in my Garden I prune and cut off the lower branches which grow about the Lettice, the mother and root of them is so farre from being grieved thereat, that she flourishes the better, and becometh both fairer and sweeter. In like manner, O King, when I shall see him who wrongeth my Family, and consumeth the means of his brothers, lose his life, and be prevented from doing them farther injury, I shall thrive the better, and behold the rest of my Family thrive

"with my self, Which *Artaxerxes* hearing, praised *Rhacoces*, and made him one of the Royal Judges, saying to those who were present, that he who had determined so justly concerning his own Children, would towards all others be an upright Judge. He dismissed the young man without punishment, threatening to put him to a most cruel death if he should offend again for the time to come,

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CHAP. I.

How Socrates taught Alcibiades confidence not to be daunted at the people.

ocrates discoursed thus to *Alcibiades*. The young man was much perplexed and abashed, being to appear before a publick Assembly. But *Socrates* encouraging and exciting him, Do you not despise (saith he) that Shoe-maker? (naming him.) *Alcibiades* assenting: and so likewise (continueth *Socrates*) that publick Crier: and that Tent-maker? [*Alcibiades*] the son of *Clinias* granting this; And dorth not, said *Socrates*, the *Athenian* Commonwealth consist of these? If you contemn them single,

single, fear them not in an Assembly. Thus [*Socrates*] son of *Sophroniscus* and *Phryneta* prudently instructed [*Alcibiades*] son of *Clinias* and *Dinomache*.

CHAP. II.

Of Pictures praised amiss.

Megabyzus highly commending some Pictures that were meanly and ignorantly painted, and finding fault with others that were made with great art, the boies of *Zeuxis* that were grinding Colours laughed at him; whereupon *Zeuxis* said, When you hold your peace, *Megabyzus*, these boies admire you, for they look on your rich garments and attendants; but as soon as you say any thing concerning this Art, they laugh at you: therefore preserve your self to esteem by holding your peace, and care not the work or skill of any which is not in your way.

CHAP. III.

Of Alexander not giving due commendations of a Picture.

Alexander beholding his own Picture at *Ephesus* drawn by *Apelles*, did not give

it such praise as it deserved; but a Horse which was brought in neighed to the painted horse, as if it had been a true one. King, said *Apelles*, this Horse seems to understand painting much better then you.

CHAP. IV.

Of the Friendship betwixt Chariton and Melanippus, and the Tyrant's mercy towards them.

I will relate to you an action of *Phalaris* not agreeing with his disposition: for it expelleth a great humanity, and therefore seemeth not to suite with him. *Chariton* an *Agrigentine* loved *Melanippus* passionately, who was also an *Agrigentine*, of a sweet disposition and excellent form. *Phalaris* had injured this *Melanippus* in a certain business, for he having brought an Action against a Favourite of *Phalaris*, the Tyrant commanded him to surcease the Suit: He not obeying, the Tyrant threatened him with death unless he submitted. So being compelled he gave over the cause, and the Judges under *Phalaris* null'd the proceedings; which the young man taking ill, said that he was wronged, and discovered his resentment thereof to his friends, pray-

ing him to joyn with him in a Plot against the Tyrant, intending also to ingage some other young men, whom he knew proper and ready for such an attempt. *Chariton* seeing him iraged and inflamed with fury, and knowing that none of the Citizens would joyn in the design through fear of the Tyrant, said that he also had formerly the same intention, and should ever be ready above all things to free his Country from Slavery; but it was dangerous to communicate such things to many persons: wherefore he intreated *Melanippus* to consider it more deliberately, and to permit him to finde out an opportunity proper for the attempt. The young man yielded. *Chariton* thereupon undertook the whole business himself, not willing to engage his friend in it; that if he were taken and discovered, he alone might bear the punishment, and his friend not share in the danger. He provided himself of a Falchion to assault the Tyrant when he should see a fit occasion. This could not be carried so privately, but that he was apprehended by the Guard, watchful of such things. Being carried to Prison, and tortured to make discovery of his Complices, he courageously endured the torment. But this continuing.

a long time, *Melanippus* went to *Phalaris*, and confessed that he was not onely a Conspirator, but Author of the Treason. The King demanding the cause that moved him to it, he declared the whole business from the beginning; how he was obstructed in his Suit, and that this was it which provoked him. The Tyrant wondering hereat set them both at liberty; but commanded them immediately to depart, not onely out of all Cities belonging to the *Agigentines*, but quite out of *Sicily*. Yet he allowed them to receive the full benefit of their estates. These and their friendships *Pythia* afterwards commended in these Verses:

*To men, true patterns of celestial love
Blest Chariton and Melanippus prove.*

The God calling this love of theirs a divine friendship.

CHAP. V.

Of well husbanding Time, and that among the Lacedemonians Walking was not permitted.

The *Lacedemonians* conceived that Time above all things ought to be husbanded, employing it diligently in serious business,
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not allowing any of the Citizens to wast in idleness or play; that it might not be thrown away upon things of no vertue. A testimony hereof amongst the rest is this: The *Lacedemonian Ephori* hearing that they who had taken *Decelia* used to walk in the afternoon, sent this command to them, Walk not: (As if they did it for recreation rather then exercise of the body) It behoveth the *Lacedemonians* to get and preserve health not by walking, but by exercise.

CHAP. VI.

An instance that we ought not to please the Vulgar.

Hippomachus, (they say,) one that taught to wrestle, when the people that stood about as one of his Scholars was wrestling gave a great shout, struck him with a wand, saying, "You did amiss and not as you ought, it should have been done better. For if you had done according to Art, these men would not have applauded you. Implying, that they who perform every thing well and handsomely, must not please the multitude, but those who are understanding in the Art. *Socrates* also seems

seems to concern the Common people in his discourse with *Crito*, who came to him in the Prison, and counselled him to make an escape, and avoid the sentence of the *Athenians* against him.

CHAP. VII.

That the Thebans expose not Children.

This is a *Theban* Law most just and humane; That no *Theban* might expose his Child or leave it in a Wilderness, upon pain of death. But if the Father were extremely poor, whether it were male or female, the Law requires that as soon as it is born it be brought in the swadling-clouts to the Magistrate, who receiving it, delivers it to some other for some small reward, conditioning with him that he shall bring up the Child, and when it is grown up take it into his service, man or maid, and have the benefit of its labour in requital for its education.

CHAP. VIII.

Of Xenocles and Euripides contending at the Olympick Games.

In the ninety first *Olympiad*, wherein *Exenetus* won the race, *Xenocles* and *Euripides*

pides contended. *Xenocles* (whosoever he was) got the first Victory by these Tragedies, *Oedipus*, *Lycaon*, *Baccha*, and *Athamas* a Satyre. It is ridiculous that *Xenocles* should not be worsted, and *Euripides* get the better, especially in those Tragedies. One of these two must have been the reason, either that they who gave the votes were ignorant and void of clear judgement, or corrupt. But both are dishonourable, and unworthy the *Athenians*.

CHAP. IX.

Decrees of the Athenians against some Revolters.

What Decrees did the *Athenians* make, and those in a Democracy? That every one of the *Egineta* should have his thumb cut off from his right hand, so that he might for ever after be disabled from holding a Spear, yet might handle an Oar. That all the young men of *Mitylene* should be put to death: Which Decree was made at the instigation of *Cleon* son of *Cleanetus*. That such as had been taken Prisoners by the *Sarmians* should be branded in the face with the mark of an Owl. This also was an *Athenian* Decree. I wish, O *Mi-*
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nerva, Guardian of the City, and *Jupiter Eleutherius*, and all the Gods of the *Grecians*, that the *Athenians* had never done these things, and that it might never have been said of them.

CHAP. X.

Timotheus having heard *Plato* discourse, judged himself to be less happy.

I have heard that *Timotheus* (son of *Cannon*) General of the *Athenians*, when he was in height of felicity, and took Cities with great ease, so as the *Athenians* knew not how they should honour him sufficiently, met accidentally with *Plato* son of *Aristo*, as he was walking with some Scholars without the City wall, and seeing his reverend presence, his proper person and graceful aspect, hearing him also discourse, not of Contributions, Gallies, Naval affairs, Supplies, Reliefs, Confederates, Islanders, and the like matters, but of those things which he professed, and in which he employed his studies, said, "O this life-and true felicity! Whence it appears, that *Timotheus* did not conceive himself absolutely happy, as not enjoying this, though otherwise in highest honour and esteem with the *Athenians*.

CHAP. XI.

What Socrates said of those that were put to death by the Thirty Tyrants.

Socrates seeing that the Thirty Tyrants put many eminent persons to death, and betrayed the rich to excessive punishments, said to *Antisthenes*, "Doth it repent thee that we have done nothing in our whole lives great and remarkable, as those Monarchs who are described in Tragedies, *Atreus's*, *Thyestes's*, *Agamemnons*, and *Agisthus's*? They are in those Plaies beheaded, feasted with their own flesh, and generally destroyed: But no Poet was ever so bold or impudent as to represent a poor man kill'd upon the Stage.

CHAP. XII.

Of Themistocles giving over Prodigality.

I know not whether this speech of *Themistocles* son of *Neocles* be commendable or not. After that his Father had cast him off, giving over Prodigality, he began to live temperately, and to refrain from Curtezans, being taken with another affection, that of gover-

governing the *Athenian* State, and contested eagerly with the Magistrates, endeavouring to make himself the chief. He said (as is reported) to his friends, "What will you give me, who never yet was envied? He that loves to be envied, hastens, according to *Euripides*, to harm himself: But that this is folly, *Euripides* himself declares.

CHAP. XIII.

Of Socrates abused in a Comedy by Aristophanes.

Anytus and his Companions studied to do *Socrates* a mischief, for those reasons which are related by many; but feared the *Athenians*, doubting, if they should accuse *Socrates*, how they would take it, his name being in high esteem for many respects, but chiefly for opposing the Sophists, who neither taught nor knew any solid learning. Wherefore they began, by making trial in less things, to sound how the *Athenians* would entertain a Charge against his life: for to have accused him upon the very first, he conceived unsafe, as well for the reason already mentioned, as lest the friends and followers of *Socrates* should divert the anger of the Judges upon them, for falsely

accusing a person so farre from being guilty of any wrong to the State, that he was the onely Ornament of *Athens*. What then do they contrive? They suborn *Aristophanes* a Comick Poet, whose onely business was to raise mirth, to bring *Socrates* upon the Stage, taxing him with crimes which most men knew him free from; Impertinent discourse, making an ill cause by argument seem good, introducing new and strange Deities, whilst himself believed and revered none: hereby to insinuate an ill opinion of him even into those who most frequented him. *Aristophanes* taking this Theme, interweaves it with much abusive mirth & pleasant Verses, taking for his subject the best man of the *Grecians*. The argument of his Play was not against *Cleon*; he did not abuse the *Lacedemonians*, the *Thebans*, or *Pericles* himself; but a person dear to all the Gods, especially to *Apollo*. At first (by reason of the novelty of the thing, the unusual personating of *Socrates* upon the Stage) the *Athenians*, who expected nothing less, were struck with wonder: Then (being naturally envious, apt to detract from the best persons, not onely such as bore office in the Commonwealth, but any that were

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eminent for learning or vertue) they begun to be taken with the *CLOUDS*, [so was the Play named] and cried up the Poet with more applause then ever any before, giving him with many shouts the victory, and sending word to the Judges to set the name of *Aristophanes* in the highest place. *Socrates* came seldome to the Theatre, unless when *Euripides* the Tragick Poet contested with any new Tragedian, then he used to goe: And when *Euripides* contended in the *Piræum*, he went thither also, for he loved the man as well for his wisdom, as the sweetness of his Verse. Sometimes *Alcibiades* son of *Clinias* and *Critias* son of *Callischrus* would invite him to a Comedy, and in a manner compell him: for he was so farre from esteeming, that he did greatly contemn those persons that were abusive and scurrilous in their language, (being himself a temperate, just, good and discreet person) which hugely troubled the Comedians. And this was the ground (as well as other things suggested by *Anytus* and *Melitus*) of *Aristophanes* his Comedy; who, it is likely too, got a great summe of money by it, they being eager in prosecution of their design, and he prepared by want and malice to re-

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ceive their impression; But this he best knows. In fine, the Play got extraordinary credit, that of *Cratinus* being verified,

*The Theatre was then
Fill'd with malicious men,*

It being at that time the Feast of *Bacchus*, a multitude of *Grecians* went to see the Play. *Socrates* being personated on the Stage, and often named, (nor was it much the Players should represent him, for the Potters frequently did it upon their stone Jugs) the strangers that were present (not knowing whom the Comedy abused) raised a humme and whisper, every one asking who that *Socrates* was. Which he observing, (for he came not thither by chance, but because he knew himself should be abused in the Play, had chosen the most conspicuous Seat in the Theatre) to put the strangers out of doubt, he rose up, and all the while the Play lasted continued in that posture. So much did *Socrates* despise the Comedy and the *Athenians* themselves,

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CHAP. XIV.

Of a Plane-tree beloved of Xerxes.

Xerxes deserves justly to be laughed at, who after he had contemned the works of *Jupiter*, and made himself new waies to travel by land and water, fell in love with a Plane, and doted upon the Tree: for seeing (as it is reported) in *Lydia* a tall Plane-tree, there he stayed a whole day, no necessity requiring, and pitched his Tents in the Wilderness about the Plane-tree: he also hung upon it many rich ornaments, honouring the boughs with chains and bracelets, and left it a Keeper, as the Guardian and Protectour of a Mistress. But what did this profit the Tree? the apposititious ornament nothing suiting with it, hung there in vain, not adding any thing to the beauty of the Tree. For to the beauty of a Tree are requisite fair branches, leaves thick, a body strong, roots deep and pliant, yielding to the winds, wideness of shadow, the successive seasons of the year, the nourishment of the water by chanel and rains. But the Robes of *Xerxes*, the gold of the *Barbarian*, and his other gifts, contribute nothing to the Plane, or any other Tree.

CHAP. XV.
Of those who besmeared the Seats of the
Lacedemonian Ephori with Soot.

Certain *Clazomenians* coming to *Sparta*, through abuse and inscience besmeared with Soot the Seats of the *Ephori*; in which they used to give judgement, and determine publick affairs. This being known, the *Ephori* were not incensed, but calling the publick Crier, commanded him to make this strange Proclamation openly through the City, "Let it be lawful for the *Clazomenians* to doe unhandsome things,

CHAP. XVI.
Of Phocion.

I esteem this action of *Phocion* (the son of *Phocus*) commendable also. Coming before a publick Assembly of *Athenians*, after he had reproved them for some ingratitude, he said, both wisely and sharply, "I had rather receive ill from you, then doe ill to you.

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CHAP. XVII.
Of the wisdom of the Persian Magi,
and of Ochus.

The wisdom of the *Persian Magi* was (besides other things proper to them) conversant in Prediction: They foretold the cruelty of *Ochus* towards his Subjects, and his bloody disposition, which they collected from some secret signs. For when *Ochus*, upon the death of his Father *Artaxerxes*, came to the Crown, the *Magi* charged one of the Eunuchs that were next him to observe upon what things, when the Table was set before him, he first laid hands, who watching intently, *Ochus* reached forth both his hands, and with his right laid hold of a Knife that lay by, with the other took a great Loaf, which he laid upon the Meat, and did cut and eat greedily. The *Magi*, hearing this, foretold that there would be plenty during his reign, and much blood shed. In which they erred not.

CHAP. XVIII.
Of magnificent Suppers.

Timotheus (son of *Conon*) General of the *Athenians*, on a time retiring from magnificent

ficent Suppers and Military entertainments, was invited by *Plato* to a Treat in the Academy; where being entertained with a frugal Supper and with Musick, when he returned to his friends, he said, "They who sup with *Plato* are better for the next day also. From thence forward *Timotheus* dispraised sumptuous and chargeable Suppers, of which there is no benefit the next day. There is a speech much to the same purpose reported of him, that *Timotheus* meeting *Plato* on the morrow said to him, "You, O *Plato*, sup better the next morning then over night.

CHAP. XIX.

Of Alexander, who would be called a God.

Alexander, when he had vanquished *Darius*, and was possess'd of the *Persian* Empire, being high-conceited of himself, and puffed up with his success, writ to the *Grecians*, that they should decree him to be a God: Ridiculously; what he had not by nature, he thought to obtain by requiring it of men. Hereupon several people made several Decrees; the *Lacedemonians* this; "Forasmuch as *Alexander* would
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"be a God, let him be a God. Thus with *Laconick* brevity, according to the manner of their Countrey, the *Lacedemonians* reprehended the Pride of *Alexander*.

CHAP. XX.

Of the meekness of King Antigonus.

It is reported that King *Antigonus* was popular and meek. He that hath leisure to make enquiry after him and his actions, may satisfie himself elsewhere. I shall relate onely one act of his full of Clemency and void of Pride. This *Antigonus*, perceiving that his Son behaved himself rigidly and severely towards his Subjects, "Do you not know, Son, said he, that our Reign is but "a glorious Servitude? This speech of *Antigonus* to his Son express'd much Mildness and humanity. He who conceiveth otherwise of it, seems in my opinion not to understand either what belongeth to a King or a Subject, but rather to have lived under some Tyrant.

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CHAP. XXI.

Of Pausanias his friendship with Agatho the Poet.

There was great friendship betwixt *Pausanias* a *Ceramean* and *Agatho* the Poet: This is generally known; but I will relate what is less common. On a time the two friends came before *Archelaus*: He observing the frequent differences betwixt *Pausanias* and *Agatho*, and thinking that one friend despised the other, asked *Agatho* what was the reason that he had such frequent quarrels with him who loved him so well. He answered, "O King, I will tell you: It is not that I am froward towards him, neither doe I this through rusticity; but if I understand any thing of behaviour, as well by Poetry as other things, I finde that the greatest pleasure of friends is, after some falling out to be reconciled; and I am of opinion that nothing can happen to them more delightful: Therefore I make him partake often of this pleasure, by falling out with him frequently. For he is over-joyed when I end the difference and am reconciled; whereas if I should use him alwaies alike," he

"he would not understand the difference. *Archelaus* (as they say) commended this answer. It is reported that *Euripides* also the Poet exceedingly loved this *Agatho*, and in favour of him composed his Tragedy intituled *Chrysippus*. But this I cannot certainly affirm, yet know it to be attested by many:

CHAP. XXII.

That the Mantineans were just Law-makers.

I am told that the *Mantineans* were just Law-givers, no less then the *Locrians* and *Cretans*, and the *Lacedemonians* themselves, and the *Athenians*. For though the Laws of *Solon* were most excellent, yet the *Athenians* soon after his death abrogated the Laws which they received from him.

CHAP. XXIII.

That Nicodorus the Wrestler became a Law-giver.

Nicodorus, an excellent and famous Wrestler among the *Mantineans*, in his later years giving over wrestling, became a Law-

Law-giver to them, benefitting his Country farre more in Civil affairs, then when he was publickly proclaimed Victor in the Lists. Some say that *Diagoras* the *Melian*, who loved him much, composed those Laws for him. I have more to say of *Necodorus*, but lest I should seem to intermix any commendations of *Diagoras*, let this suffice: For *Diagoras* was a hater of the Gods; neither do I take any pleasure in making farther mention of him.

CHAP. XXIV.

That Milo was strong in Body, but not in Mind.

Some have undervalued the famed Strength of *Milo* the *Crotonian*, relating thus of him; None of *Milo's* Antagonists were able to force away a Pomegranate which he held in his hand; but his Mistresses, with whom he had frequent differences, was much too hard for him. Whence it is manifest, that *Milo* was of a strong Body; but an effeminate Minde.

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CHAP. XXV.

That the sixth of the Month Thargelion was fortunate to the Greeks.

It is observed, that on the sixth day of the month *Thargelion* many good fortunes have befallen not onely the *Athenians*, but divers others. *Socrates* was born on this day, the *Persians* vanquished on this day; and the *Athenians* sacrifice three hundred Goats to *Agrotera* upon this day in pursuit of *Miltiades* his vow: On the same day of this month was the fight of *Plataea*, in which the *Greeks* had the better: (for the former fight which I mentioned was at *Artemisium*) neither was the Victory which the *Greeks* obtained at *Mycale* on any other day; seeing that the Victory at *Plataea* and *Mycale* happened on the self-same day. Likewise *Alexander* the *Macedonian*, son of *Philip*, vanquished many Myriads of the *Barbarians* on the sixth day, when he took *Darius* Prisoner. All which is observed to have happened on this moneth. It is likewise reported that *Alexander* was born and died on the same day.

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CHAP. XXVI.

Of Hyperborean Apollo, and certain wonders concerning Pythagoras.

Aristotle saith that *Pythagoras* was call'd by the *Crotonians* *Hyperborean Apollo*. The son of *Nicomachus* [*Aristotle*] farther saies, that he was at the same hour of the same day seen by many at *Metapontium* and at *Croton*, where he stood up at the Games. There also he shewed one of his Thighs, which was of Gold. The same Author saies, that as he was passing over the River *Nessus* it called him, and that many heard the call.

CHAP. XXVII.

That Anniceris was a good Charioteer; and that he who bestows much pains upon little things, neglects the greater.

Anniceris the *Cyrenian* was proud of his Horseman-ship and Chariot-driving. He on a time desired to let *Plato* see his skill: wherefore having made ready his Chariot, he drove many courses round the Academy, keeping his track so exactly, that the wheels never went out of it. All who

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were present admired it much. But *Plato* reprehended his too much industry, saying, That it was impossible that he who employ'd so much pains about things of no value, could bend his study to things of greater concernment. For being wholly taken up with those things, he must necessarily neglect such as are truly worth admiration.

CHAP. XXVIII.

Upon what occasion Cock-fighting was first instituted.

After their Victory over the *Persians*, the *Athenians* made a Law that Cocks should one day in the year be brought to fight in the Theatre. The occasion of which Law was this: When *Themistocles* went forth with an Army of the Citizens against the *Barbarians*, he saw some Cocks fighting; neither did he behold it slightly, but turning to the whole Army, "These (saith he) undertake this danger, neither for their Country, nor for their Country Gods, nor for the Monuments of their Ancestours, nor for Fame, Liberty, or Children; but that they may not be worsted, or yield one to the other. With which words he encouraged the *Athenians*."

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This therefore which was at that time an occasion of inciting them to Valour, he would have to be ever after had in remembrance.

CHAP. XXIX.

How Pittacus made an Embleme of Fortune.

Pittacus at *Mitylene* made stairs to the Temples, which served for no use, but as a dedicated gift; hereby signifying the ascent and descent of Fortune: those whom Fortune favours ascending, the unfortunate descending.

CHAP. XXX.
Of Plato.

Plato son of *Aristo* was at first extremely addicted to Poetry, and wrote Heroical Verses; which afterwards he burnt, perceiving them to be farre inferiour to *Homer's*. Then he betook himself to writing Tragedies, composing a Tetralogy; which Poems he gave to the Players, intending to contest at the Games. But before the *Bacchanalian* Feast he heard *Socrates* discourse, and was so much taken with

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with that Siren, that he not onely forbore his design of contending, but from thence forward wholly gave off writing Tragedies, and addicted himself to Philosophy.

CHAP. XXXI.

That no Barbarian is impious.

And who extolls not the wisdom of the *Barbarians*, since none of them have fallen into any Atheism, or question whether there are Gods or not, and whether they take care of us or not? None of them ever held such Opinions as *Euemerus* the *Messianian*, or *Diogenes* the *Phrygian*, or *Hippo*, or *Diagoras*, or *Sosias*, or *Epicurus*; not any *Indian*, *Celt*, or *Egyptian*. For these *Barbarians* which I have named attest that there are Gods, and that they have a providential care of us, and that they prefigure events by birds, Omens, entrails, and by other observations and rules, which do teach men the providence of the Gods towards them. They say also that many things are signified before-hand by Dreams and by the Starres. Being firmly settled in this belief, they sacrifice purely, live holily; perform divine rites, observe the rules of the *orgia* and all the rest: whence

it must be acknowledged that they worship and reverence the Gods firmly.

CHAP. XXXII.

How Hercules his name was changed, and of the Oracle of Apollo concerning it.

Some *Pythian* relations affirm that *Hercules*, son of *Jupiter* and *Alcmena*, was at his birth named *Heraclides*; but that afterwards coming to *Delphi* to consult the Oracle about some business, he obtained that for which he came, and received farther privately from the God this Oracle concerning himself,

*Thee Hercules doth Phœbus name,
For thou shalt gain immortal fame.*

CHAP. XXXIII.

Of the Images of Rivers.

We behold the nature of Rivers, and their Channels; but they who worship them and make Images of them give them some the shape of Men, others of Oxen. In the shape of Oxen the *Stymphalians* represented *Erasinus* and *Metopus*; the *Lacedæmonians*, *Eurotas*; the *Sicyonians*

and

and *Phliasians*, *Asopus*; the *Argives*, *Cephissus*: but in the shape of Men the *Pso-philians* represented *Erymanthus*; the *He-raans*, *Alpheus*; so likewise the *Cherro-neseans* that came from *Cnidus*, represent the River *Cnidus*. The *Athenians* worship *Cephissus* as a horned Man. In *Sicily* the *Syracusians* represent *Anapus* in the shape of a Man, and *Cyane* a fountain as a Woman. The *Agestaans* worship *Porpax*, *Crimissus* and *Telmessus* under the Figures of Men. The *Agrigentines* represent the River which beareth the same name with their City by the image of a beautiful Boy, to which they sacrifice. They likewise dedicated an Ivory Statue at *Delphi*, and inscribed the name of the River upon it, which Statue was of a Boy.

CHAP. XXXIV.

Of Old age.

They say that *Epicharmus* being very old, sitting and discoursing with some of like age, and every one of them saying, "O good men, I could be content to live but five years longer; another, three years; a third, four; he interposing said, "O good men, why do you contest and wrangle about a

" a few daies : All we that are here meet
 " tend by some fate or other to our end,
 " Therefore it is time for us all to die with
 " the soonest, before we feel any of the mis-
 " series which attend Old age,

CHAP. XXXV.

*That Sleep is the Brother of Death; and
 of the decease of Gorgias,*

Gorgias the Leontine being at his latter
 end, and being of a great age and surpris'd
 by sickness, fell by degrees asleep: and when
 one of his friends coming to visit him asked
 him how he did; " Just now, saith he, Sleep
 " is going to deliver me up to his Brother.

CHAP. XXXVI.

Of Socrates falling sick in his old age.

Socrates being very old, fell sick; and
 one asking him how he did, " Well, saith
 " he, both waies: for if I live longer, I
 " shall have more Emulators; if I die, more
 " Praisers.

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CHAP. XXXVII.

*Of a Law which prohibited the sick to
 drink Wine.*

Zaleucus the Locrian made many excel-
 lent and convenient Laws, of which this
 was not the worst. If any of the *Epizephy-
 rian Locrians*, being sick, drank pure
 Wine, unless by prescription of the Physi-
 cian, though he returned to his former
 health, yet he was to be put to death for
 drinking it without leave.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

*A Law of the Romans and other people
 not allowing Wine to all persons, nor of
 all ages.*

This was also a Law of the *Masilians*,
 That no Women should tast Wine, but of
 what age soever they were they should
 drink water. *Theophrastus* affirms that
 this Law was of force also among the *Mile-
 sians*, which not onely the *Ionian* * but
Milesian Wives observed. But why should
 we not speak of the Law of the *Romans*?
 Or how can I avoid being reproched of
 neglect, if having mentioned the *Locrians*,

* Reading
 ἄλλας καὶ
 τὰς.

Mæsilians and *Milefians*, I omit to speak of my own Country: Amongst the *Romans* this Law was strictly observed, that no free Woman or the slave should drink Wine; nor any of Noble birth, from their childhood till five and thirty years of age.

CHAP. XXXIX.

The Law of the Cretans concerning Learning.

The *Cretans* commanded all free-born children to learn the Laws with a kind of melody, that their minds might be inticed by their Musick, and they get them by heart the more easily: so that if they committed any thing contrary to Law, they could not plead ignorance. The second thing which they were appointed was, to learn the Hymns of the Gods: The third, Encomiums of good men.

CHAP. XL.

That Beasts love not Wine, and of some Beasts that will be drunk.

Every irrational creature naturally abhorreth Wine, especially those who being over-fed with Grapes become drunk.

Crows

Crows if they eat the herb *Oenotta*, as also Dogs, run mad. If the Ape and the Elephant drink Wine, the one forgets his strength, the other his subtilty, and both are easily to be taken.

CHAP. XLI.

Of some who were lovers of Drink, and great Drinkers.

Lovers of Drink were *Dionysius* in *Sicily*, and *Nisæus* a Tyrant also, *Apollocrates* son of *Dionysius* the Tyrant, *Hipparinus* kinsman of *Dionysius*, *Timolaus* a *Theban*, *Charidemus* an *Orithean*, *Arcadion*, *Erasixenus*, *Alcetas* a *Macedonian*, and *Diotimus* an *Athenian*. This last was called a Tunnel, because putting a Tunnel into his mouth, he could drink wine poured into it without taking breath. They relate of *Cleomenes* the *Lacedemonian*, that he was not onely a great Drinker, but that he also used the ill custome of the *Scythians* to drink Wine unallai'd. They say also that *Io* of *Chios*, the Poet, was an immoderate drinker of Wine. Likewise *Alexander* the *Macedonian*, in honour of *Calanus* the *Brahman*, an *Indian* Sophist, that burned himself, instituting Games of Musick, Horse-racing and Wraft-

Wrestling; to gratifie the *Indians*, he added another part proper to that Country, which was Drinking. To him that should be Victor he appointed a Talent for his reward, to the next thirty *Minae*, to the third ten. *Promachus* got the Victory. More-over *Dionysius*, at the Feast which they call *Chœa*, proposed a golden Crown as a reward to him that drank most. *Xenocrates* the *Chalcedonian* was Victor, and taking the Crown when he went away after Supper, put it upon a Statue of *Mercury* which stood at the door, according to his custome: for he used to lay there Garlands of Flowers, Myrre, Ivy, and Laurel, and leave them. Also *Anacharsis*, as it is said, drank much at *Periander's* house. He brought this custome from his own Country, for it is proper for the *Scythians* to drink pure Wine. *Lacydes* and *Timon*, Philosophers, are said to have drank much. Likewise *Mycerinus* an *Egyptian*, a Prophecy being brought him from *Buta*, foretelling that he should live but a little while, to delude the Oracle by doubling the time, turning nights into daies, watched and drank continually. To these adde *Amasis* the *Egyptian*, of whom *Herodotus* attests enough. And *Nicoteles* a *Corinthian* must not be severed from

from these. And they say also that *Scopas* the son of *Creon* and *Antiochus* the King were much addicted to Wine: for which reason he put the whole Government of his Kingdome into the hands of *Aristaus* and *Themisto*, *Cyprians*, whilest he, given over to Drunkenness, bare onely the Title of King. Likewise *Antiochus Epiphanes*, delivered as pledge to the *Romans*, used to drink Wine immoderately. As also his name-sake *Antiochus*, who waging Warre with the *Medians* against *Arfaces*, was a slave to Drunkenness. Amongst these may be reckoned *Antiochus* the great. Immoderate drinking cast *Agro* King of the *Illyrians* into a Pleurisie, and kill'd him. Likewise *Gentius* another King of the *Illyrians* was a great Drinker. What shall we say of *Orophernes* King of *Cappadocia*, who was also a great Drinker? And if we must mention Women, (in whom to love drink is a great vice, to drink much a greater) *Clio*, as they say, contended in drinking, not with Women onely, but with Men; for she was a great Drinker, and had the better of every one, carrying in my opinion a shameful victory.

CHAP. XLII.

Of Plato's renown, and of his Laws for equal Distribution.

The fame of *Plato* and renown of his *Ver-*
tue came to the *Arcadians* and *Thebans*,
who thereupon sent *Embassadours* earnestly
to request him to come over to them, not
only to instruct their young men in *Phi-*
losophy, but, which was a higher concern-
ment, to ordain *Laws*. They were ready
to have obtained what they desired of him;
for the son of *Aristo* was pleased with the
invitation, and intended to yield to them.
He asked the *Embassadours* how they stood
affected to *Equality* of estates: when un-
derstanding by them that they were so
averse from it, as not to be by any means
induced thereto, he refused to goe.

CHAP. XLIII.

Certain eminent persons among the Gre-
cians very poor.

There were most excellent persons a-
mong the *Grecians* who lived in extreme
Poverty. *Aristides* son of *Nicomachus*, and
Phocion son of *Phocus*, *Epaminondas* son of
Poly-

Polymatis, *Pelopidas* a *Theban*, *Lama-*
chus an *Athenian*, *Socrates* son of *Sophro-*
niscus, and *Ephialtes* son of *Sophonides*.

CHAP. XLIV.

A description of a Picture made by Theon
a Painter.

Amongst other things which witness the
excellent art of *Theon* the *Painter* was this
Picture: An armed man ready to charge
the *Enemy*, who had made an *Incurfion*
and wasted the *Country*. The young man
seemed ready to fall on with *sprightliness*
and courage: you would have said he were
transported with rage and the fury of *Mars*.
His eies seemed to sparkle fiercely. Ha-
ving taken up his *Arms* he appeared snatch-
ing, as if eager to assault the *Enemy* with
all speed. He held forth his *Shield*, and
waved as it were his *Sword*, as ready to
fight, with a killing look, his posture ex-
pressing that he meant not to spare any.
Theon painted not any thing more, no com-
mon *Souldier*, no *Centurion*, no *Company*,
no *Horseman*, no *Archer*; this armed man
only being sufficient to compleat the ex-
cellence of the piece. But before he would
discover this *Picture* to publick view, he
got

got a Trumpeter, and bade him to sound a Charge as loudly and fiercely as he could, and to give it all possible spirit of encouragement to fight. As soon as this shrill and dreadful noise was heard, the Trumpet sounding as if there were a sudden incursion of the Enemy, he discovered his Picture, and the armed man appeared, after that the sound of the Trumpet had excited the fancy of the beholders.

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CHAP. I.

Theſſalian Tempe *described.*

LET us now describe and paint out in discourse the *Theſſalian Tempe*: for it is acknowledged that speech, where the faculty is free, can represent whatsoever it pleaseth as fully to the life, as men that are excellent in handy-work. It is a place situated betwixt *Olympus* and *Ossa*. These are Mountains of extraordinary height, and disjoyned as it were by providence. They include a Plain whose length extends to forty **Stadia*; its breadth **Furlongs* in some places is a *Plethrum*, in others somewhat more. Through the middle runs the

the River *Peneus*, into which other Rivers flow, and by communicating their waters make *Peneus* great. It affords various places of delight of all kinds, not wrought by the hand of man, but spontaneous works of Nature, which contributed much to the beauty and glory of the place from its first beginning. For Ivy full of down abounds and flourisheth there, which like generous Vines creepeth up the high trees, and groweth with them. There is also plenty of Smallege, which climbing up the Hill shadoweth the Rock, so that it lies hid under it, nothing being seen but the green Herb, which yields a pleasant entertainment to the eye. In this Plain there are divers Groves and large Cupbords, which in the Summer afford grateful shelter to Travelers and refreshment. It is full of little Brooks and Springs of water, cool and pleasant to the taste. These waters, they say, benefit such as wash in them, and conduce much to health. Birds are dispersed about every-where, especially the Musical, which yield extraordinary pleasure to the ear, and by continual warbling invite and delight the very passenger. On each side of the River are those pleasantnesses which I mentioned before, and places fit for repose

pose and diversion. Through the middle of the *Tempe* runneth the River *Peneus* gently and smoothly like oil. This is much shaded by the thick branches of the adjoining Trees, which for the greatest part of the day keep off the Sun's beams, and afford to those that sail a cool passage. All the neighbouring people meet with one another there, and offer sacrifice, converse, and feast. Whence there being many that sacrifice and perform Divine rites continually, it happeneth that such as travel thither either on foot or by water perceive very sweet odours. This unintermitted worship of the Gods makes the place sacred. Here the *Thessalians* say that *Apollo Pythius*, having slain *Pytho* with his arrows at that time possessed of *Delphi* when the Goddess Earth held the Oracles, was by *Jupiter's* command purified; and that then the son of *Jupiter* and *Latona* crowned with this *Temple's* Laurel, and bearing a branch thereof in his hand, came to *Delphi* and took possession of the Oracle. There is also an Altar in that place where he was crowned, and took away the branch. Whereupon even to this time the *Delphians* every ninth year send youths of Noble birth with an *Architheorus*, who is one of their own,

These coming to *Tempe* sacrifice magnificently, and having made Garlands of the Laurel which the God then so loved as a Crown himself with it, depart. They pass that way which is called *Pythias*, and goeth through *Thessaly*, *Pelagonia*, *Oeta*, and the Countries of the *Ælians*, *Mælians*, *Dorians*, and *Hesperian Locrians*. They carry these youths thither with no less respect and reverence, then those who with sacred presents from the *Hyperboreans* pay homage to the same God. Likewise at the *Pythian Games* the Victors are presented with a Crown of the same Laurel. Thus much concerning the *Thessalian Tempe*.

CHAP. II.

Of *Anaxagoras* bearing the death of his Children with courage.

When one coming to *Anaxagoras* the *Clazomenian* (as he was discoursing with his friends) told him that his two only Sons were dead; He nothing troubled or disordered at the news, answered, "I knew that they were born mortal."

CHAP. III.

Of *Xenophon* bearing the death of his Son unmovedly.

A Messenger from *Mantineia* told *Xenophon* (as he was sacrificing) that his son *Grillus* was slain. He taking onely his Garland off, continued to sacrifice. But when the Messenger added that he died victoriously, he took again the Garland to put it on his head. This is generally known.

CHAP. IV.

That *Dio* was not troubled at the loss of his Son.

As *Dio*, son of *Hipparinus*, a Disciple of *Plato*, was treating about publick affairs, his Son was killed with a fall from the house top into the Court. *Dio* was nothing troubled at it, but proceeded in what he was about before.

CHAP. V.

Antigonus seeing his Son dead, was nothing troubled.

They say that *Antigonus* the second, when his Son was brought home slain in battel,

battel, did behold him without changing colour, or shedding a tear: but having commended him for dying as a stout Soldier, gave order that he should be buried.

CHAP. VI.

Of the Magnanimity of Crates.

Crates the Theban is known to have been a magnanimous person, as well by other things, as by his despising what the Vulgar admire, as also his Wealth and Country. That he gave the *Thebans* his estate is generally known. But this other action perhaps is less notorious. He quitted *Thebes* newly restored, saying, "I have no need of a City which *Alexander* or some other may subvert."

CHAP. VII.

Of the Calumny of the Vulgar.

Demochares Nephew to *Demosthenes*, to shew that he nothing valued the dispraises of the Vulgar, seeing certain Detractors together sitting in a Physician's Shop, and wholly bent upon calumniating others, "What do you say (said he) you *Dysmenia* de?" discovering their disposition by that compellation.

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CHAP. VIII.

That Phrynichus was chosen General for a certain Poem.

The *Athenians* made *Phrynichus* General, not out of favour, nor for Nobleness of birth, or for being rich; for which men are commonly esteemed at *Athens*, and preferred above others: But he having in a certain Tragedy composed Verses suitable to armed Dancers, did win so much upon the Theatre, and please the Spectators, that they immediately chose him General, believing that he would behave himself excellently and advantageously in Martial affairs, who had in a Play composed Verses and Songs so proper for armed men.

CHAP. IX.

Of Love.

Who is able to fight with a Lover, that is not a Lover himself, and when the business is to be decided by the Sword? For he who loves not, alwaies shunneth and disdaineth a Lover, as being himself prophane and uninitiated with the God: he dares as much as the courage of his soul and strength

of his body will bear; yet fears the other as one transported with divine fury; and mated not by *Mars* onely, which is common to both, but likewise by *Love*. For they who are excited with other of the Gods, whereof one (as *Homer* saith) raged equal with *Mars*; they, I say, which are possessed onely with one, fight with as much courage as one God inspireth: But the servants of *Love* being inflamed with *Mars* and *Love*, serving both Deities, have according to the opinion of the *Cretans* a double share of Courage. But none therefore find fault if a Souldier who fights onely by instigation of one God, refuse to encounter with him who is assisted both by *Mars* and *Love*.

CHAP. X.

Of Lacedemonian Friendship.

Of the *Lacedemonian Ephori* I could relate many excellent things said and done; at present I shall onely tell you this: If amongst them any man preferred in Friendship a rich man before another that was poor and vertuous, they fined him, punishing his avarice with loss of money. If another that were a vertuous person professed

part

particular friendship to none, they fined him also, because being vertuous he would not make choice of a friend; whereas he might render him he loved like himself, and perhaps divers; for affection of friends conduceth much to the advancement of vertue in those whom they love, if they be temperate and vertuous. There was also this Law among the *Lacedemonians*; If any young man transgressed, they pardoned him, imputing it to want of years and experience; yet punished his friend, as conscious and overseer of his actions.

CHAP. XI.

Of the Soul.

The *Peripateticks* assert that the Soul in the day-time is inflaved and involved in the body, so that she cannot behold Truth; but in the night, being freed from this servitude, and gathered together, as it were, in a round about the parts that are in the breast, she is more Prophetick, whence proceed Dreams.

CHAP. XII.

Of Friendship amongst the Lacedaemonians.

Friendship among the *Spartans* was truly innocent: if any thing unlawful happened, both persons must either forsake their Country or their lives.

CHAP. XIII.

Of the Drunkenness of the Tapyrians.

The Nation of the *Tapyrians* is so addicted to Wine, that they live in Wine, and bestow the greatest part of their life and conversation upon it. Neither do they abuse it by drinking onely, but by anointing themselves therewith, as others do with Oil.

CHAP. XIV.

Of the Drunkenness of the Byzantines.

The *Byzantines* (as is reported) live in Taverns, quitting their own houses, and letting them to strangers. Nor leave they their houses onely to them, but their wives also. Thus they by one act are guilty of two Crimes, Drunkenness and Prostitution,

Moreover, flowing in Wine and Drunkenness, they delight to hear the Pipe, and make Piping their chiefest business. But they cannot endure to hear the least sound of a Trumpet, whence it is manifest that the *Byzantines* are wholly averse from Arms and Warre. Wherefore *Leonides* their General, in a strict siege, seeing that when the Enemy was assaulting the Walls they left the Works, and went to their usual entertainments, commanded that Taverns should be set up for them upon the Walls. This *Damon* relates of them, which *Menander* seems to confirm, saying, *Byzantium* makes the Merchants Drunkards; they drank all night long.

CHAP. XV.

Of the Drunkenness of the Argives, Corinthians, Thracians and Illyrians.

The *Argives* also and *Corinthians* have been reproched in Comedies for being intemperately addicted to Wine. Of the *Thracians* it is at this time reported for certain, that they are great Drinkers. Neither are the *Illyrians* at present free from this vice. To which they adde another dishonesty, inasmuch as at a Feast they permit the Guests

to drink to their Wives, every one as he pleaseth, though nothing related to them.

CHAP. XVI.

A comparison betwixt the two Generals, Demetrius and Timotheus.

Which of these two was the better General, *Demetrius Poliorcetes*, or *Timotheus the Athenian*? I will tell you the nature of both, and then you may judge which deserves to be preferred. *Demetrius* by force and avarice, and oppressing many, and committing injustice, took Cities, battering their Walls with Engines, and undermining them: But *Timotheus* by discourse, persuading them it was most to their advantage to obey the *Athenians*.

CHAP. XVII.

That Philosophy is not inconsistent with Political Government, and that some Philosophers have governed Commonwealths.

Some Philosophers have governed States, though studying onely the good of their own minds they lived privately. Of those who managed publick affairs were *Zaleucus*,

cus, who reformed the State of the *Locrians*, *Charondas* that of *Catana*, and of *Rhegium* when he was banished *Catana*. *Archytas* much benefited the *Tarentines*, *Solon* the *Athenians*; *Bias* and *Thales* greatly profited *Ionia*, *Chilon* the *Lacedemonians*, *Pittacus* the *Mityleneans*, *Cleobulus* the *Rhodians*, and *Anaximander* brought a Colony from *Miletus* to *Apollonia*. *Xenophon* also was an excellent Souldier, and proved the best General when he went up along with *Cyrus*, at what time *Cyrus* and many others with him was slain. Necessity then requiring a person that might bring the *Greeks* off and conduct them safe home, he was the man. *Plato* son of *Aristo* brought *Dio* back to *Sicily*, whom he counselled and taught how to subvert the Tyranny of *Dionysius*. But *Socrates* would not meddle with the *Athenian* State, because the Democracy of the *Athenians* did at that time more resemble a Tyrannical and Monarchical Government. Neither would he joyn in sentencing the ten Commanders to death, nor partake of the injustices committed by the thirty Tyrants. But when occasion called him forth, he was a Souldier. He fought at *Delium*, and at *Amphipolis* and *Potidea*. *Aristotle*, when his Country was not declining,

ning, but quite dejected, raised her up again. *Demetrius Phalereus* governed the *Athenian* Commonwealth with much honour, until envy, customary with the *Athenians*, threw him out. In *Egypt* also, living with *Ptolemee*, he was chief in making Laws. And who will deny that *Pericles* son of *Xanthippus* was a Philosopher? or *Epaminondas* son of *Polymnis*, and *Phocion* son of *Phocus*, and *Aristides* son of *Lyfismachus*, and *Ephialtes* son of *Sophonidas*; and long after these *Carneades* and *Critolaus*? For they were sent by the *Athenians* Embassadors to *Rome*, and procured a Peace; so much did they prevail with the Senate, that they said, "The *Athenians* have sent Embassadors, that not persuade, but compel us to doe what they please. I must instance also the skill of *Persens* in Politicks, for he taught *Antigonus*: and of *Aristotle*, who instructed *Alexander* Son of *Philip* from his youth in Philosophy: And *Lyfis* Disciple of *Pythagoras* taught *Epaminondas*. Therefore if any shall say Philosophers are unpractical, he speaks inconsiderately and ignorantly, though, for my own part, I should much more willingly embrace the contemplative quiet life.

CHAP.

CHAP. XVIII.

Of the Discourse betwixt *Midas* the Phrygian, and *Silenus*; and the incredible relations of *Midas*:

Theopompus relates a discourse between *Midas* the Phrygian and *Silenus*. This *Silenus* was son of a Nymph, inferiour by nature to the Gods onely, superiour to Men and Death. Amongst many other things, *Silenus* told *Midas* that *Europe*, *Asia* and *Africk* were Islands furrounded by the Ocean: That there was but one Continent onely, which was beyond this world, and that as to magnitude it was infinite: That in it were bred, besides other very great Creatures, Men twice as big as those here, and they lived double our age: That many great Cities are there, and peculiar manners of life; and that they have Laws wholly different from those amongst us: That there are two Cities farre greater then the rest, nothing like to each other; one named *Machimus*, Warlike, the other *Eusebes*, Pious: That the Pious people live in peace, abounding in wealth, & reap the fruits of the Earth without Ploughs or Oxen, having no need of tillage or sowing. They live,

live, as he said, free from sickness, and die laughing, and with great pleasure: They are so exactly Just, that the Gods many times vouchsafe to converse with them. The Inhabitants of the City *Stachimus* are very Warlike, continually armed and fighting: They subdue their Neighbours, and this one City predominates over many. The Inhabitants are not fewer then two hundred Myriads: they die sometimes of sickness, but this happens very rarely, for most commonly they are kill'd in the Wars by Stones or Wood, for they are invulnerable by Steel. They have vast plenty of Gold and Silver, insomuch that Gold is of less value with them then Iron with us. He said that they once designed a Voyage to these our Islands, and sailed upon the Ocean, being in number a thousand Myriads of men; till they came to the *Hyperboreans*; but understanding that they were the happiest men amongst us, they condemned us as persons that led a mean inglorious life, and therefore thought it not worth their going farther. He added what is yet more wonderful, that there are men living amongst them called *Meropes*, who inhabit many great Cities; and that at the farthest end of their Countrey there is a place

place named *Anostus*, (from whence there is no return) which resembles a Gulf; it is neither very light nor very dark, the air being dusky intermingled with a kind of Red: That there are two Rivers in this place, one of Pleasure, the other of Grief, and that along each River grow Trees of the bigness of a Plane-tree. Those which grow up by the River of Grief bear fruit of this nature, If any one eat of them, he shall spend all the rest of his life in tears and grief, and so die. The other Trees which grow by the River of Pleasure produce fruit of a contrary nature; for who tastes thereof shall be eased from all his former desires: If he loved any thing, he shall quite forget it; and in a short time shall become younger, and live over again his former years: he shall cast off old age, and return to the prime of his strength, becoming first a young man, then a child, lastly, an infant, and so die. This, if any man think the *Chian* worthy credit, he may believe. To me he appears an egregious Romancer as well in this as other things.

CHAP. XIX.

Of the diffension betwixt Aristotle and Plato.

The first diffension betwixt Aristotle and Plato is said to be thus occasioned: Plato did not approve of his life and habit, for Aristotle wore rich garments and shoes, and cut his hair after a manner not used by Plato: He also wore many Rings for ornament, he had a deriding kind of look, and was peremptory in discourse: all which misbecame a Philosopher. Plato seeing this rejected him, and preferred before him Xenocrates, Speusippus, Amyclas, and others, to whom he shewed respect, and admitted them to his conversation. On a time, Xenocrates being gone into his Country, Aristotle came to Plato, accompanied with a great many of his Disciples, of whom was Mnason the Phocian, and the like: Speusippus was then sick and unable to be with Plato: Plato was fourscore years old, and through age his memory much impaired. Aristotle assailing and circumventing him by propounding arrogantly some questions, and arguing with him, discovered himself injurious and ingrateful. Here

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upon Plato retiring from his outward Walk, walked privately with his friends. After three months Xenocrates returned from his journey, and found Aristotle walking where he had left Plato, and seeing that he and his Disciples went not from the walk to Plato, but directly to the City, he asked one of the Walk where Plato was, doubting that he was sick. He answered, He is not sick, but Aristotle troubling him hath made him quit the Walk, and now he teacheth Philosophy privately in his own Garden. Xenocrates hearing this went presently to Plato, whom he found discoursing with such as were present, who were young men of eminent quality, and some of the Noblest. When he had ended his discourse, he saluted Xenocrates kindly, according to his usual manner, and Xenocrates did the like to him. When the company was dismissed, Xenocrates, without speaking a word to Plato, or acquainting him with it, got his friends together, and sharply reprov'd Speusippus for having yielded the Walk to Aristotle. Then to his utmost he opposed the Stagirite, and so farre proceeded the contention, that at last Aristotle was thrown out, and Plato restored to his former place.

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CHAP. XX.

Of Lysander, and some Gifts presented to him.

To *Lysander* the Spartan going to *Ionik*, some of his acquaintance there sent, amongst many other presents, an Oxe and a Cake. He looking upon the Cake, asked what Dainty it was. To which he that brought it answered, "It was made of Honey, * Cheese, and some other things. " Give * this then, said *Lysander*, to the * *Hilots*, " for it is not meat for a free person. But the Oxe he commanded to be sacrificed, killed, and drest according to the fashion of his Country, and did eat of it with delight.

CHAP. XXI.

Of the Magnanimity of Themistocles.

On a time *Themistocles*, yet a boy, returning from School, his Master bade him, meeting *Pisistratus* the Tyrant, to go a little out of the way. Whereto he generously answered, "Is not here way enough for him? So much did something ingenious and generous appear in *Themistocles* at those years.

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CHAP. XXII.

Of the Piety of Æneas, and compassion of the Greeks to the Trojans.

When *Troy* was taken, the *Grecians* (as it becomes *Greeks*) commiserating the condition of the Captives, made Proclamation by a Herald, that every free Citizen might carry away with him any one thing he pleased. Hereupon *Æneas*, neglecting all other things, carried out his household Gods. The *Grecians* pleased with the piety of the man, gave him leave to take something else. He then took up his Father of a very great age upon his shoulders, and bore him away. They not a little astonished hereat, gave him back all that was his; confessing that to such men as were pious towards the Gods, and honoured their Parents, even those who were by nature their Enemies become merciful.

CHAP. XXIII.

Of Alexander.

Great were the actions of *Alexander* at *Granicus* and *Issus*, and the fight at *Arbeles*; and *Darius* subdued, and the *Persians* subje-

subjected to the *Macedonians*; all *Asia* conquered, and the *Indies* reduced under his power. Great were those things which he did at *Tyre*, and among the *Oxydraca*, and many others. Why should we endeavour to comprehend within the narrow expression of words the unlimited courage of this person in Warre? Or if any detractor will rather impute these things to the Fortune which attended on him, so let it be. But he was doubtless excellent in that he was never worsted by Fortune, nor at any time deserted by her. Other things there are not commendable in him. That on the fifth day of the Month he drank excessively at *Ennæus* his house, on the sixth day he slept after his debauch, and recovered so well as to rise and give order to his Captains for the Expedition of the next day, saying that they should set forth very early. On the seventh he feasted with *Perdiccas*, and again drank freely. On the eighth he slept. On the fifteenth day of the same Month he made another debauch, and the next day slept. On the four and twentieth he sup'd with *Bagoas*. (The house of *Bagoas* was from the Palace ten *Stadia*) The day following he slept. One of these two therefore must needs have been; Either that *Alexander*

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did prejudice himself exceedingly by employing so many daies of the Month in drinking, or that they who write these things have belied him. We may likewise imagine that they who relate other things of the same kinde concerning him, wrong him also, of whom is *Ennæus* the *Carthian*.

CHAP. XXIV.

How much Xenophon was delighted with Bravery.

Xenophon amongst other things took great delight to have rich Arms. For he said that if he should overcome the Enemy, the best ornaments would suit with him: If he died in fight, he should be laid out decently in a rich suit of Arms: this being the proper winding-sheet for a man of courage, and which best adorns him. They say therefore of this son of *Gryllus*, that his Shield was *Argolick*, his Breast-plate *Attick*, his Helmet wrought in *Boeotia*, his Horse *Epidaurian*. I must needs say he was a Person delighted in Bravery; and merited it.

CHAP. XXV.

Of Leonides, and three hundred more, who gave themselves up to death voluntarily for the preservation of Greece.

Leonides the Lacedæmonian, and three hundred more with him, voluntarily underwent the death at Pyle which was prophesied of them: and fighting stoutly and gallantly for Greece, obtained a glorious end, leaving a deathless renown and eternal fame behind them.

CHAP. XXVI.

Of Pindarus the Tyrant.

Pindarus, Son of Melas, Grandson of Alyattes the Lydian by his daughter, being Tyrant of the Ephesians, was severe in punishments & inexorable, but otherwise courteous and wise. He took great care that his Country might not be brought into servitude by the Barbarians, of which this is testimony. When Cræsus his Uncle by the Mother's side invaded Ionia, he sent an Embassador to Pindarus, requiring the Ephesians to be subjected to him: to which Pindarus not yielding, Cræsus besieged the City.

But one of the Towers being undermined, (which was afterwards called *the Traitour*) and destruction appearing before their eyes, Pindarus advised the Ephesians to fasten Ropes from the Gates and Walls to the Pillars of the Temple of Diana, by that means making the whole City an Anatheme to her, thereby to preserve it secure. Farther he advised them to goe forth and make suit to the Lydian. Upon the Ephesians declaring the case and their suit, it is said that Cræsus laughed, and was pleased with the Stratagem, granting the Ephesians liberty, on condition that Pindarus should be banished the City: which he opposed not, but taking along such friends as would goe with him, left his Son and the greatest part of his estate in the City, committing them both to the care of Pasicles, one of his friends. He departed to Peloponnesus, prebairing Banishment before Regal power, that his Country might not be subjected to the Lydians.

CHAP. XXVII.

Of Plato's Poverty, and how he betook himself to Philosophy.

This also I have heard, but whether it be true or not I know not: They say that *Plato* son of *Aristo* was driven by Poverty to betake himself to the Warres, but intercepted by *Socrates*, while he was buying his Arms, and instructed in that which concerns mankind, he through his persuasion addicted himself to Philosophy.

CHAP. XXVIII.

How Socrates reformed the Pride of Alcibiades.

Socrates perceiving *Alcibiades* to be exceeding proud of his riches and lands, he shewed him a Map of the World, and bid him find *Attica* therein; which done, he desired that he would shew him his own lands. He answered, "They were not there," "Do you boast, replies *Socrates*, of that which you see is no (considerable) part of the Earth."

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CHAP. XXIX.

Of the Poverty and Pride of Diogenes.

Diogenes the *Sinopean* used to say of himself, that he fulfilled and suffered the imprecations mentioned in the Tragedy, being a Vagabond, destitute of a house, deprived of his Country, a Begger, ill clothed, having his livelihood onely from day to day: And yet he was more pleased with this condition, then *Alexander* with the command of the whole World, when having conquered the *Indians* he returned to *Babylon*.

CHAP. XXX.

Of certain persons extremely Modest.

Amabeas the Lutenist was extremely continent, insomuch that having a very beautiful Wife, he never lay with her. So likewise *Diogenes* the Tragedian Player, *Clitomachus*, one that had been Victour in all exercises, was extraordinary modest. At Feasts, if there were any loose discourse, immediately he arose and departed.

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CHAP. XXXI.

Of the diligence of Nicias in his Art.

Nicias the Picture-drawer was so intent upon Painting, that he many times forgot to eat, his thoughts being wholly taken up with his employment.

CHAP. XXXII.

Of Alexander and Hercules, learning to play on the Lute.

Alexander son of *Philip*, whilst yet a boy, not of Mans estate, learnt to play on the Lute. His Master bidding him strike such a string as suited with the Tune, and the Air required, "And what imports it," said he, if I strike this? pointing to another. He answered, "It imports nothing to him that shall be a King, but to him that would be a Lutenist it doth." Doubtless he feared, that if he behaved himself not discreetly he might suffer as *Linus*; for *Linus* taught *Hercules* (yet a Boy) to play on the Lute, who touching the Instrument unmusically; *Linus* rebuked him; whereat *Hercules* incensed struck *Linus* with the Lute and killed him.

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CHAP. XXXIII.

Of Satyrus a Player on the Flute.

Satyrus a Player on the Flute heard many times *Aristo* the Philosopher, and being much taken with his discourse, said,

*Into the fire my glittering Bow
Why do I not as useleſs throw?*

So mean did he esteem his own Art in comparison of Philosophy.

CHAP. XXXIV.

A Law common to the Romans and Lacedæmonians.

The *Lacedæmonians* and *Romans* had a Law, That no man might eat of whatsoever things, or as much as he pleased. They reduced the Citizens to Temperance, besides other waies, principally by diet.

CHAP. XXXV.

That it was not permitted to laugh in the Academy.

There is a general report amongst the *Athenians*, which saith, That it was not permitted,

mitted to laugh in the Academy: for they endeavoured to preserve that place free from contumely and levity.

CHAP. XXXVI.

Why Aristotle left Athens.

When *Aristotle* left *Athens*, fearing to be attainted, to one that asked him What kinde of City is *Athens*? he answered, "Very beautiful; but in it

"Pears upon Pears and Figs on Figs do grow:

meaning Sycophants. And to one who asked him why he left *Athens*, he answered, "Because he would not the *Athenians* should sin twice against Philosophy; reflecting on the death of *Socrates*, and his own danger.

CHAP. XXXVII.

A Law of the Cæans concerning Old men.

It is a custome of the *Cæans*. That all such amongst them as are very Old, as if they invited one another to a Feast or some solemn sacrifice, should meet together, and being crowned drink Hemlock; because they are no longer fit to doe their Country service, their Minds now doting by reason of Age.

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CHAP. XXXVIII.

Some things first found out at Athens.

They say that at *Athens* were first found out the Olive and Fig-trees; which the Earth also first brought forth. Also that the *Athenians* invented Judiciary Pleas, and first instituted corporal Exercises, and unclothed and anointed themselves. And *Erichthonius* first harnessed Horses together.

CHAP. XXXIX.

What things some of old did eat.

The *Arcadians* fed on Acorns, the *Argives* on Pears, the *Athenians* on Figs, the *Tyrinthians* on wild Figs, the *Indians* on Canes, the *Carmans* on Dates, the *Mæotians* and *Sauromatians* on Millet, the *Persians* on Turpentine and Cardamum.

CHAP. XL.

Of Satyrs, Tityri, and Silenes.

The *Satyrs* companions of *Bacchus* in dancing are by some named *Tityri*; which name they had from *Teretisms* (wanton Dances) in which *Satyrs* delight: *Satyrs*,
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from the wideness of their mouths; *Silenes*, from *Sillas*, which is a scoff with an unpleasing jest. The *Silenes* were cloathed in coats with sleeves, hairy on both sides, which Robe signified the planting of Vines by *Bacchus*, and the downy thickness of the leaves.

CHAP. XLI.

Many Surnames of Bacchus.

The Ancients called to bring forth fruit plentifully * *Phlwin*, whence they named *Bacchus Phleon*, as also *Protryges*, and *Staphylites*, and *Omphacites*, with divers other names.

CHAP. XLII.

Of certain Women that fell Mad.

Elege and *Celane* were Daughters of *Pratus*. The Queen of *Cyprus* work'd them to prostitute themselves; insomuch as in some parts of *Peloponnesus* they ran up and down, as it is said, naked and raging. They roved also mad into other parts of *Greece*, transported with this distemper. It is likewise reported that the Wives of the *Lacedæmonians* were transported with *Bacchanian*

Ælian fury; as also those of the *Chians*. And that those of the *Bæotians* were transported with divine frenzies, the very Tragedy manifests. They say that onely the *Minyades*, *Leucippe*, *Aristippo* and *Alcithoe* declined the Dance of *Bacchus*: the cause whereof was, that they desired to have Husbands, and therefore would not be *Mænades* to the God; whereat he was incensed, And when they were working at their Looms, and very busie in weaving, on a sudden branches of Ivy and of Vines twined about their Looms, and Dragons made nests in their Baskets, and from the roof distilled drops of Milk and Wine. But when by all this they could not be persuaded to serve the Deity, then fury possessed them, & they committed a foul crime out of *Cithæron*, no less then that in *Cithæron*: for the *Minyades*, seised with frenzy, tore in pieces a young Infant of *Leucippes*, thinking it a Kid; then went to the rest of the *Minyades*, who persecuted them for this mischief, when they were turned into Birds. One was changed into a Crow, the other into a Bat, and the third into an Owl.

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CHAP. XLIII.

Of a Lutenist murdered by the Sybarites.

At Sybaris a Lutenist singing at a Festival which they celebrated in honour of *Funo*, and the Sybarites falling together by the ears about him, and taking up weapons to assault one another, the Lutenist afraid fled with his long Robe to the Altar of *Funo*: But they spared him not even there. A little while after blood was seen to spout up in the Temple of *Funo*, as if it had been from a Spring. The Sybarites sent to Delphi: Pythia said,

Goe from my Tripods, for thy hands prophane

Distilling blood my sacred pavement stain:

*From me expect no answer, who didst see
The Muses Son; Thou for his death must pay.*

*None that transgresseth, vengeance can decline,
Not though descended from Jove's mighty Line.*

*He & his children, & their children must
Expect due vengeance for that act unjust*

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CHAP. XLIV.

Of one who might have assisted his Companion, but would not: And of another that did assist, but unfortunately.

Three young men of the same City being sent to Delphi to consult the Oracle, fell among Thieves: One of them ran away and escaped; the second having killed all the Thieves but one, missed the last, and ran his sword through his companion. To him that ran away Pythia gave this Oracle;

*Thou sufferedst thy companion to be slain:
I will not answer thee, goe from my Fane.*

To the other demanding an answer Pythia gave this;

Thou slew'st thy friend by chance in his defence:

Clearer then ever is thy Innocence.

CHAP. XLV.

An Oracle given to Philip.

They say that Philip received an Oracle in Bœotia at the Trophonian Cave, That he should take heed of a Chariot. Fearing therefore because of the Oracle, it is reported

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red he would never goe in a Chariot. The success is related two waies. Some say that the Sword of *Pausanias* wherewith he killed *Philip* had a Chariot carved in Ivory upon the Hilt: Others, that he was slain as he went round the *Thebean* Lake named *Harma*, a Chariot. The first report is more generally received, the other is less frequent.

CHAP. XLVI.

A Law of the Stagirites.

This was a Law of the *Stagirites*, truly becoming the *Greeks*; What you laid not down, take not away.

CHAP. XLVII.

Of Timotheus and some others, whom their Vertues availed nothing.

The *Athenians* first magnified *Timotheus*; but afterwards when he was thought to have offended, neither did his own merits avail him in the least, nor those of his Ancestours. *Themistocles* was nothing benefited either by the Sea-fight at *Salamis*, or his Embassy to *Sparta*: I mean that Embassy by which he gave the *Athenians* means to build up their Walls again. For

he was banished, not onely from *Athens*, but quite out of *Greece*. *Pausanias* the *Lacedemonian* was nothing helped by his Victory at *Plataeæ*, for when affairs were new-modelled at *Byzantium*, and they were sick of the *Persian* Disease, he lost that favour which he formerly had. *Phocion* was not saved by the general title of *Phocion the Good*, nor by his age of seventy five years, in which time he never injured any *Athenian* in the least; for the *Athenians* imagining that he would have betrayed the *Pyraean* to *Antipater*, condemned him to death.

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CHAP. I.

Several Customes of Nations and People.

Certain Law of the *Lucanians* faith, That if after Sun-set a Stranger come and request to lodge under the roof of any one, if he entertain not the man, let him be punished, and pay the penalties of Inhospitality. As I conceive both to the person that came to him, and to hospitable *Jupiter*.

I am informed that the *Dardanians* in *Illyria* wash but thrice in their whole life; at Birth, at Marriage, and at Death.

The *Indians* do not let out money to use, neither do they receive any: Neither is it lawful for an *Indian* to give or take wrong.

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wrong. Hence they neither make Bonds, or give Pawns.

It is a *Sardinian* Law, That when Parents grow very old, their sons should by beating them with Clubs kill them, and then bury them; they conceiving it unfit that a man at extraordinary old age should live any longer, he frequently failing by reason of his bodie's being oppress'd with old age. There was also this Law amongst them, They punished Idleness, and he who lived slothfully was to be arraigned, and to give an account of his manner of life, and to shew where were his means of subsistence.

The *Assyrians* gathered together in a certain City such Virgins as were fit for Marriage, proclaiming a Fair of them; and who-soever buyes one carries her away as his Bride.

The *Bibilians*, if they light upon any thing by chance in the way, take not up what they laid not down; for such a thing is not esteemed the right of the finder, but a theft.

The *Berbicans* put all persons to death that are above threescore and ten years old; the Men by Sword, the Women by Halter.

The *Colchians* intomb their dead in
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Skins, in which they sow them, and hang them up on trees.

It was a custome of the *Lydians* to prostitute their Women before Marriage: but being once married they must live continently; and she who transgressed was not capable of pardon.

CHAP. II.

Of the difference betwixt Nicostratus, who plaied upon the Lute onely, and Laodocus, who both plaied and sung to the Lute.

It is reported that *Nicostratus* a Fidler, arguing with *Laodocus* a Lutenist about Musick, said, That he in a great Art was little, but that himself in a little Art was great. It is therefore a commendable thing not onely to improve a Family and Estate, but an Art also, if we believe *Nicostratus*, who in this said excellently.

CHAP. III.

Of Polygnotus and Dionysius, Painters.

Polygnotus a *Thasian* and *Dionysius* a *Colophonian* were two Painters, *Polygnotus* wrought

wrought to the full bigness, and most commonly descriptions of Games: *Dionysius* copied the same things in little, alike exactly in every thing but their bigness; as the spirit, air, posture, habit, and the like.

CHAP. IV.

A Theban Law concerning Artificers and Painters.

I am told there is a Law at *Thebes*, which commands Artificers, both Painters and Potters, to make the Figures as good as may be. This Law menaceth to those who mould or paint them not well a pecuniary mulct.

CHAP. V.

Persons that were mindful of Benefits.

Persons that were mindful of Benefits received, and gratefully requited them. *Theseus* to *Heracles*: for *Aidoneus* King of the *Molossians* having cast *Theseus* into bonds because he came along with *Pirithous*, to steal away his Wife, (not intending to marry her himself, but doing this onely for the sake of *Pirithous*) *Heracles* coming to the *Molossians* set *Theseus* at liberty, for which *Theseus* erected an Altar to him. And those

those seven Captains that besieged *Thebes* were grateful to *Pronax*, for *Pronax* being killed in their Cause, they instituted Games in memory of him; which most think were celebrated for the Captain *Archemorus*.

And *Hercules* was grateful to *Nestor*: for when *Neleus* would not entertain him, and the rest of his sons were of *Neleus* his minde, *Nestor* onely dissented; for which reason *Hercules*, having taken the City, put *Neleus* and the rest of his sons to death, but not onely spared *Nestor*, but bestowed on him the Kingdom of his Ancestours. And the *Athenians* expressed a publick gratitude to the children of *Hercules*; for because their progenitour had deserved well of *Theseus*, the *Athenians* did therefore conduct them to *Peloponnesus*. And *Hercules* was grateful to the three hundred and threescore *Cleonians*: For they having aided him against the *Molionida*, and dying generously and honourably, he transferred to them the Honours which the *Nemeans* bestowed on him for subduing the Lion which over-ran and wasted their Country.

And *Menestheus* son of *Peteus* was not ungrateful to the *Tyndarida*: for they having cast out the sons of *Theseus*, and taken *Aethra* the Mother of *Theseus* Prisoner, they

they bestowed the Kingdome upon *Menestheus*; for which reason *Menestheus* named them Kings and Preservers.

And *Darius* son of *Hystaspes* having (whilest he was yet a private person) received in gift a Garment from *Syloson*, when he was possessed of the Empire, bestowed on him the Government of his own Country *Samos*, Gold, as we may say, for Dross.

CHAP. VI.

An Oracle concerning the Athenians.

When the *Lacedemonians* would have utterly destroyed the City of the *Athenians*, consulting the Oracle, they brought answer in this manner; "Do not remove the common Altar of *Greece*."

CHAP. VII.

That sometimes the Dead rest not even after Death; and of Pausanias.

Not Death it self benefits wicked persons, since even then they cannot rest: But either they are wholly destitute of Sepulchres; or, if buried, yet fail of the latest honor, and common port of all Bodies. So when *Pausanias* took part with the *Medes*, the

the *Lacedemonians* not onely famished him, but threw his carcase out beyond their Borders, as *Epitimesdes* reports.

CHAP. VIII.

Of the Vicissitudes of Fortune.

Who knows not the sudden and swift changes of Fortune? The *Lacedemonians*, when they were Masters of the *Thebans*, were again so subdued by them, that the *Thebans* came not onely into *Peloponnesus*, but passed *Eurotas*, and wasted the Country of the *Lacedemonians*, and had taken their City, if *Epimonandas* had not feared that all the *Peloponnesians* should conspire and fight for *Sparta*.

Dionysius the Tyrant being besieged by the *Carthaginians*, having no hope of relief, did quite despair, and intended to run away; but one of his friends, named *Ellopides*, coming to him, said, "O *Dionysius*, the Title of King is an excellent Funeral-ornament. Hereat ashamed, he took heart, and with a few overcame many Myriads, and enlarged his Empire.

Amyntas the *Macedonian* being worsted by the neighbouring *Barbarians*, and losing his Kingdome, took his resolution to quit the

the Country wholly, thinking he did enough if he saved himself. Whilest he was in these thoughts, one told him the saying of *Ellopides*: whereupon seizing a little place, and gathering many Souldiers together, he recovered the Kingdome.

The *Egyptians* in their own language called *Ochus* an Ass, reproching his sloth by the dulness of that Beast. For which he seizing *Apis* sacrificed him to an Ass.

Dio son of *Hipparinus* being banished by *Dionysius*, with three thousand Souldiers conquered him, and reduced him to his own estate, a banished person.

The *Syracusians* with nine Gallies assailing an hundred and twenty of the *Carthaginians*, overcame them.

CHAP. IX.

Of the Humility of Plato, and Ingratitude of Aristotle.

Plato, son of *Aristo*, at the *Olympick* Games fell into company with some strangers who knew him not, upon whose affections he gained much by his affable conversation; dining and spending the whole day with them, not mentioning either the Academy or *Socrates*, onely saying his name was

was *Plato*. When they came to *Athens*, he entertained them courteously. "Come," *Plato*, said the strangers, shew us your name-fake, *Socrates* his disciple, bring us to the Academy, recommend us to him, that we may know him. He smiling a little, as he used, said, "I am the man whereat they were much amazed, having conversed so familiarly with a person of that note, and not knowing him, who used no boasting or ostentation. Whence it appears, that besides his Philosophical discourse, his ordinary conversation was extremely winning.

Plato called *Aristotle* a Colt: What is meant by that name is manifest: a Colt as soon as it is satisfied with the milk of the Dam kicks at her. *Plato* therefore hereby signified some Ingratitude of *Aristotle*; for he having received the greatest seeds of Philosophy from him, and introduction thereto, as soon as he was replenished and satisfied with the best things thereof, revolted from him, and, getting his friends together, set up against him *Peripateticism*, professing himself *Plato's* adversary.

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CHAP. X.

What respect Pericles had for the Athenian people.

Did not *Pericles*, son of *Xanthippus*, bear a great respect to the *Athenian* people? To me it appears so; for as often as he was to speak in publick, he wished that no word might fall from him which might exasperate the people, as being contrary to them or their opinion.

CHAP. XI.

Of the Luxury of Socrates.

Diogenes said that *Socrates* himself was luxurious: for he was too curious in his little House, and in his little Bed, and in the Sandals which he used to wear.

CHAP. XII.

Of the Picture of Helena drawn by Zeuxis.

Zeuxis the *Heracleote* having drawn *Helena*, got much money by the Picture; for he admitted not every one that came accidentally, or out of a desire to see it, but made

made them first pay money before they saw it. Hereupon the *Heracleote* gaining much money by the Picture, the *Grecians* of that time called this *Helena* a *Curtezan*.

CHAP. XIII.

The saying and happiness of Epicurus.

Epicurus the *Gargettian* said, that to whom a little is not sufficient, nothing is sufficient. The same said, that he was ready to contend with *Jupiter* in felicity when he had bread and water. This being the opinion of *Epicurus*, what he meant when he praised Pleasure we shall know elsewhere.

CHAP. XIV.

Of sparing and keeping Riches.

Many times Riches gathered together peny by peny, with much labour, as *Archilochus* saith, are poured into the lap of a *Curtezan*. For money is as the Sea Hedgehog, easier to be taken then kept. *Anaxagoras* also in his Book of Kingly Government saith, It is hard to get Money, but much harder to keep it.

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CHAP. XV.

Of some who in sickness learned Musick and other Sciences, in which recovering they became eminent.

Hiero Tyrant of *Sicily* is said to have been first a private person, and of all men the most averse from learning Musick, and nothing inferior to his brother *Gelo* in Rusticity. But falling sick he became extraordinary learned, imploying the leisure of his infirmity in hearing learned Discourses. *Hiero* therefore recovering heard *Simonides* the *Cean*, *Pindarus* the *Theban*, and *Bacchylides* the *Fuliet*; but *Gelo* was illiterate to the last.

They say also that *Ptolemee* the second falling sick became very learned. And *Plato* affirms that *Theages* studied Philosophy upon no other occasion then the leisure of sickness, which hindring him from Civil affairs forced him to the love of Learning. What man of understanding wisheth not that sickness had befallen *Alcibiades*, *Critias*, *Pausanias* the *Lacedemonian*, and others? To *Alcibiades* and *Critias*, that they might not have revolted from *Socrates*. One becoming insolent, and sometimes taking

king part with the *Bæotians*, sometimes with the *Theſſalians*, the *Medes* and *Persians*, adhering to *Pharnabazus*. But *Critias* became most Tyrannical and bloody, and much oppress'd his Country, and led a hated life.

And *Straton* son of *Corrhagus* seems to have fallen sick advantageously. For being of an old family and rich, he us'd no exercise; but falling ill of the Spleen, and exercise being requisite for his cure, he addicted himself to it, and making progress therein, he in one day at the *Olympick Games* was Victor in wrestling and the *Pancratinm*, as also in the following *Olympick* and *Nemean* and *Isthmian* and *Pythian Games*.

Likewise *Democrates* the Wrestler, having a pain in his feet, went to the Games, and standing in the *Stadium* made a Circle about himself, and challenged his Antagonists to force him beyond the line; which they not able to doe, were worsted: And he, for continuing firmly in his station, went away crowned.

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CHAP. XVI.

Qualities of some of the Ancients.

If any man imitate *Callias*, he will make him a great Drinker; if *Ismenias*, a Player on the Flute; a Boaster, if *Alcibiades*; a maker of Broths, if *Grobylus*; an excellent Oratour, if *Demosthenes*; Warlike, if *Epa-minondas*; Magnanimous, if *Agesilaus*; Good, if *Phocion*; Just, if *Aristides*; and Wise, if *Socrates*.

CHAP. XVII.

Wonders and Opinions of Pythagoras.

Pythagoras taught men that he was begotten of a better kind than mortal nature. For on the same day, and at the same hour, he was seen at *Metapontium* and in *Crotona*. Likewise at *Olympia* he shewed one of his Thighs which was of Gold; and did make *Myllias* the *Crotonian* call to mind that he had been *Midas* son of *Gordius* a *Phrygian*. He also stroked a white Eagle which came to him of her own accord, and as he passed over the River *Cofa*, the River saluted him, saying, "Hail *Pythagoras*."

He assumed the leaf of Mallows to be
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most sacred. He said that Arithmetick is the wisest of all things: Next, he who imposed names on things. And that Earth-quakes were nothing else but Conventions of the dead: And that the Rainbow is the beams of the Sun: And that the sound which frequently strikes the ear is the voice of *Demons*. It was not lawful to doubt of any thing he said, or question him about it, but to acquiesce in what he said as in a Divine Oracle. And when he came to Cities, a report was spread that he came not to teach, but to heal.

The same *Pythagoras* commanded to abstain from the Heart, and from a white Cock, and from all things that died of themselves, and not to use Baths, nor to goe in the common Road; it being doubtful whether these things were pure.

CHAP. XVIII.

Of the respect and honour which Dionysius gave to Plato.

When *Plato*, invited by the frequent Letters of *Dionysius*, came to *Sicily*, the young *Dionysius* placed him in a Chariot, whilst he himself played the Coachman: whereupon a facetious *Syracusan* well versed

sed in *Homer*, pleased with the sight, spake these Verses out of the *Iliads*, with a little alteration:

*The Chariot groan'd beneath the weight,
Proud that the best of men there sat.*

Whereas *Dionysius* was jealous of all others, he had so great respect for *Plato*, that he suffered him onely to come to him unsearched (although he knew him to be *Diogenes*'s intimate friend.)

CHAP. XIX.

That Philip honoured Learning; and of Aristotle.

Philip the *Macedonian* is not onely said to have been a good Souldier, and an excellent Oratour; but he likewise honoured Learning exceedingly. Wherefore supplying *Aristotle* with much money, he was the cause of his great and various Experience, and of his knowledge in living Creatures. Whose History the son of *Nicomachus* acquired through the wealth of *Philip*. He honoured *Plato* also and *Theophrastus*.

CHAP. XX.

Of Democritus, and of the Renown of him, Theophrastus, Hippocrates, and others.

It is reported that *Democritus* the *Abderite* was wife, besides other things, in desiring to live unknown, and that he wholly endeavoured it. In pursuit whereof he travelled to many Countries; he went to the *Chaldeans*, and to *Babylon*, and to the *Magi*, and to the *Indian* Sophists. When the estate of his Father *Damasippus* was to be divided into three parts amongst the three Brothers, he took onely so much as might serve for his travel, and left the rest to his Brethren. For this *Theophrastus* commends him, that by travelling he had gained better things then *Menelaus* and *Ulysses*. For they wandred up and down no otherwise then *Phœnician* Merchants, for they gathered money, which was the occasion of their travel by Sea and Land. The *Abderites* called *Democritus*, Philosophy; but *Protagoras*, Discourse.

Democritus laughed at all people, and said they were mad; whence his Countrymen called him *Gelasinus*. They likewise

say, that *Hippocrates* at his first meeting with *Democritus* thought him mad: But after they had conversed together, admired the man. They say that *Hippocrates*, though he were *Doric*, yet for the sake of *Democritus* he composed his Writings in the *Ionick* Dialect.

CHAP. XXI.

Of those who were beloved of Socrates and Plato.

Alcibiades was beloved of *Socrates*, *Dio* of *Plato*. But *Dio* received advantage by the love of his friend.

CHAP. XXII.

Of the Luxury of the Athenians.

The ancient *Athenians* wore purple garments, and various coloured Vests. They likewise tied their Hair in Knots, to which they put golden Grass-hoppers, and other ornaments of Gold. When they went abroad, their servants carried Folding-stools, that when they pleased they might sit down. It is certain also, that their Tables and Diet were very Luxurious; and yet whilst they did this, they were Victors at *M Marathon*.

CHAP. XXIII.

Of certain Prodigal persons.

Prodigality and voluptuous life reduced *Pericles*, and *Callias* son of *Hipponicus*, and *Nicias* of *Pergasens* to indigence. When money failed them, these three drank Hemlock, their last draught, to one another, and died as at a Feast.

CHAP. XXIV.

How Friendship may be best preserved.

Leoprepes the *Cean*, Father of *Simonides*, chanced on a time to sit in the Wraftling-place: Two young men, intire Friends, came to him, and asked him how their Friendship might best be preserved. He said, "If you yield to one anothers anger, and
"not by opposition provoke each other,

CHAP. XXV.

Of the strange Madneß of Thrasyllus.

Thrasyllus the *Æxonian* fell into a strange and new kind of Madneß; he left the City and went to *Pyraum* (the Haven) and dwelling there, he fancied that all the
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Ships which came in were his, and registred them, and so dismissed them. When any came safe into the Haven, he rejoyced exceedingly. This Infirmary held him many years. At length his brother, coming from *Sicily*, put him to a Physician to be cured, and so his Madneß ceased. He many times mentioned his actions during his Madneß, and said that he never had so much Joy, as when he was pleased with seeing Ships come in safe which nothing belonged to him.

CHAP. XXVI.

Of Electra,

Xanthus a Lyrick Poet (he was ancienter then *Stesichorus* the *Himeraan*) saith that *Electra* daughter of *Agamemnon* was not named so at first, but *Laodice*. Afterwards when *Agamemnon* was slain, and *Aegisthus* marrying *Clytemnestra* reigned, she lived unacquainted with the Marriage-bed, and grew old a Virgin: for which reason the *Grecians* called her *Electra*, as having never had a Husband, and living unacquainted with the Marriage-bed.

CHAP. XXVII.

Of the Gift of Pamphaes and Diotimus,

Pamphaes a *Prienian* gave to *Crasus*, whilst his Father was yet living, thirty *Minae*, who coming to the Crown sent him a great Chariot filled with Silver.

Diogenes receiving a little money of *Diotimus* the *Carystian* said,

*The Gods immortal grant
To thee what thou dost want,
A Man and House.*

It seems that this *Diotimus* was effeminate.

CHAP. XXVIII.

That Pherecydes fell into a Phthiriasis because of his Atheism.

Pherecydes the *Syrian* ended his life the most miserable of men: his whole body being consumed by Vermine, and his countenance becoming loathsome, he declined the conversation of his acquaintance. And whensoever any one coming to visit him demanded how he did, putting out his finger through the hole in the door, the flesh whereof

whereof was quite eaten off, he said, that his whole body was such. The *Delians* affirm, that the God in *Delus* displeased with him wrought this: for as he sate in *Delus* with his Disciples, he spoke many things concerning himself, amongst the rest this, That he had sacrificed to none of the Gods, and yet led a life no less pleasant and void of grief then they who offered Hecatombs. For this vain speech he suffered severe punishment.

CHAP. XXIX.

That Alexander ridiculously believed there are infinite Worlds.

I cannot forbear to laugh at *Alexander* the son of *Philip*, who seeing that *Democritus* in his Writings asserted that there are infinite Worlds, was troubled that he had not quite subdued one, How much *Democritus* himself would have laughed at him, what need I say: whose custome that was.

The End.


ÆLIAN'S

Various History.

The Fifth Book.

CHAP. I.

That Tachos died upon using more delicate Diet.

 *Tachos* the *Aegyptian*, whilest he used the Diet of his Country, and lived sparingly, was the most healthful of men; but when he went to the *Persians*, and fell into their Luxury, not able to bear their unaccustomed Diet, he ended his life by a Dysentery, and changed Luxury for Death.

CHAP. II.

Pherecydes how he died.

Pherecydes, Master of *Pythagoras*, falling sick,

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sick, first had a very hot Swear, viscous-like Phlegm, afterwards like that of Beasts; then little Vermin grew in him: and his flesh corrupting into them, he wasted away, and ended his life.

CHAP. III.

Of Hercules his Pillars.

Aristotle affirms that those Pillars which are now called of *Hercules*, were first called the Pillars of *Briareus*; but after that *Hercules* had cleared the Sea and Land, and beyond all question shewed much kindness to men, they in honour of him, not esteeming the memory of *Briareus*, called them *Heracleans*.

CHAP. IV.

Of some Trees growing in Delus.

It is reported that in *Delus* there groweth an Olive and a Palm, which *Latona* touching was immediately brought to bed; whereas until then she could not.

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CHAP. V.

Of Epaminondas his Indigence and Magnanimity.

Epaminondas had but one Vest, and that fordid, so that whensoever he sent it to the Fuller, he was forced to stay at home for want of another. Whilest he was thus indigent, the *Persian* King sending him a great summe of money, he would not accept it. And, if I mistake not, he that refused the Gift was more Magnanimous then he that offered it.

CHAP. VI.

Of the voluntary death of Calanus.

Likewise the end of *Calanus* the *Indian* is worthy to be praised, another would say to be admired. It was on this manner; *Calanus* the *Indian* Sophist, having bid a long farewell to *Alexander* and the *Macedonians*, and to life, when he would free himself from the Fetters of the Body, caused a Pyre to be made in the fairest Suburb of *Babylon*; the wood thereof was dry, and chosen for fragrancy, Cedar, Thyum, Cypress, Myrtle and Laurel. He having performed his

his accustomed exercise (which was to run a course) came and stood in the middle of the Pyre, crowned with reeds. The Sun shone upon him, and he worshipped him, which was the sign he had given the *Macedonians*, that they should kindle the Pyre, which they did; and continued standing upright in the flame, and fell not till he was quite consumed. Hereat *Alexander* (as is reported) much astonished, said, that *Calanus* had vanquished greater Enemies then he. For he warred with *Porus*, and *Taxiles*, and *Darius*; but *Calanus* with Pains and Death.

CHAP. VII.

Of Anacharsis.

The *Scythians* wander up and down their own Country; but *Anacharsis*, being a wise man, extended his travells farther: for he came into *Greece*, and *Solon* admired him.

CHAP. VIII.

How some have born Scoffs.

Scoffs and Reproches to me seem of no force: for if they meet with a solid minde, they are shattered in pieces; but if with a mean and low, they have power, and many times

times occasion not onely grief, but death; whereof take this instance; *Socrates* being derided in a Comedy, laughed; but *Poliagnus* hanged himself.

CHAP. IX. Of Aristotle.

Aristotle having prodigally consumed his Patrimony, went to the Warres; which succeeding ill with him also, he then traded as an Apothecary. But coming by chance into the *Peripatus*, and hearing the discourses there, being of better natural parts then most of them, he acquired that habit which afterwards he put in execution.

CHAP. X. The number of some Ships and Armies which the Athenians lost.

The *Athenians* were diligent in taking care for their Navy. Sometimes having the better, and sometimes being worsted, they lost in *Egypt* two hundred Gallies, with all that belonged to them; at *Cyprus* a hundred and fifty; in *Sicily* two hundred and forty; in the *Hellepont* two hundred. Of compleatly-armed Souldiers there were
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slain in *Sicily* forty thousand, and at *Cheronæa* a thousand.

CHAP. XI. The Cruelty of a King of Thrace towards his Children.

A King of *Thrace*, (his name let some other tell) when *Xerxes* warred against *Greece*, fled to the Mountain *Rhodope*, and advised his six Sons not to fight against *Greece*. But they not obeying him, when he returned, he put out the eyes of them all; to act unlike a *Grecian*.

CHAP. XII. That Demades was fined for making a Decree, that Alexander should be accounted a God.

I cannot but love this act of the *Athenians*; In a publick Assembly of the *Athenians*, *Demades* rising up decreed that *Alexander* should be the thirteenth Deity. But the people not enduring his excessive impiety, fined him a hundred Talents, for enrolling *Alexander*, who was a mortal, amongst the Celestial Gods.

CHAP. XIII.

That the Athenians were inclined to Novelties.

The *Athenians* were very changeable as to Government, and exceedingly inclined to alteration. They patiently suffered Kingly Government under *Cecrops*, *Erechtheus* and *Theseus*, and afterwards under the *Codridæ*, they experimented Tyranny under the *Pisistratidæ*; they used Aristocracy four hundred years; after which they chose yearly ten Citizens which governed the City. At last there happened an Anarchy by the Sedition of the Thirty Tyrants. This ready change of customes, whether it should be commended or not, I know not.

CHAP. XIV.

An Attick Law concerning the Interment of Bodies, and killing of Oxen.

This was an *Attick Law*; Whosoever happens to light upon the Carcase of any man, he must throw earth all over it, and bury it as looking towards the West.

This also was observed by them; ploughing Oxe, that laboureth under the yoke

yoke, either with Plough or Cart, sacrifice not. For he also is a Tiller of the earth, and partakes with men of their labour.

CHAP. XV.

Places of Judicature in Athens for Murthers.

Attick Courts of Judicature, for wilfull Murthers in the *Areopagus*, for involuntary in the *Palladium*; for those who confessed the Murther, but pleaded the lawfulness of it, in the *Delphinium*.

CHAP. XVI.

That a little Boy was condemned for Sacrilege.

A little Boy carried away a Plate of Gold which fell from the Crown of *Diana*. It was discovered. The Judges caused playthings and Dice to be set before him, as also the Plate. He again laid hold of the Plate: whereupon they put him to death for Sacrilege, not sparing his age, but punishing the act.

CHAP. XVII.

Of the Superstition of the Athenians.

The *Athenians* were so Superstitious, that if any one felled a little Oak out of the Heroes Grove, they put him to death. And *Atarbes*, for that he killed the Sparrow sacred to *Æsculapius*, they spared not, but executed him: Not pardoning either his ignorance or madness, but preferring the concernment of the God before both these. For some said he did it by chance, others, through fury.

CHAP. XVIII.

Of a Woman with child condemned to death.

The Court of *Areopagus* having tried a Woman poisoner, and it being judged she should die, they would not put her to death until she were delivered of the Infant wherewith she was great. Then saving the innocent Child, they executed the guilty person.

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CHAP. XIX.

How Æschylus condemned for Impiety was preserved.

Æschylus the Tragick Poet was by reason of some Play condemned for Impiety. Whereupon the *Athenians* being ready to stone him, *Amyntas* his younger Brother, throwing back his Vest, shewed his Arm without a Hand. *Amyntas* had the reward for fighting best at *Salamis*, where he lost his Hand, and was the first of the *Athenians* that was rewarded. The Judges seeing the trouble of the man, called to mind his actions, and dismiss *Æschylus*.

CHAP. XX.

Of the Fasting of the Tarentines and Rhegians.

The *Tarentines* being besieged by the *Romans*, and ready to surrender through Famine, the *Rhegians* ordered a Fast to be kept every ten daies; and with the allowance of that food supplied the *Tarentines*. Hereupon the *Romans* raised their siege, and the *Tarentines*, in memory of their distress, kept a Feast, which they called The Fast.

CHAP. XXI.

That Medea did not kill her own Children.

Some say that the relation concerning *Medea* is false, and that she did not kill her Children, but the *Corinthians*. This Fable concerning *Colchis*, and the Tragedy (*Medea*) they say *Euripides* made at the request of the *Corinthians*. The falsity prevailed above the truth, by reason of the excellency of the Poet. But for the Murder of the Children, they say that even to this day the *Corinthians* offer expiatory Sacrifices to them; which they render as a kind of Tribute.

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Various History.

The Sixth Book.

CHAP. I.

Of the Wrath, Inhumanity, Contempt, Injustice, and Violence of some towards others.



THE Athenians having overcome the *Chalcidenses*, distributed that part of their Country which is called *Hippobotus* into forty Lots; but meddled not with the ground consecrated to *Minerva* in the place named *Lilantus*. The rest of the Country they let out, and brought away the Pillars which now stand at the Royal Piazza, on which they set up the Bills of Sale. The Prisoners that they took they cast into Fetters: neither did

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this satisfy their rage against the *Chalcidenses*.

The *Lacedemonians* having overcome the *Messenians*, took to themselves the half of every thing in *Messenia*, and compelled the Free-women to goe to Funerals, and to bewail the dead, such as were Strangers, and nothing related to them. Of the men, they imployed some in Husbandry, some they sold, some they slew.

Likewise the *Athenians* were insolent in this manner. Having good success, they used not their good fortune moderately: For they compelled the forein Virgins that inhabited their Country, to carry *Umbrella's* in publick Solemnities before their own Virgins, and the Women before their Women; and the Men to carry Spades.

The *Sicyonians* having taken *Pellene*, prostituted publicly the Wives and Daughters of the *Pellenians*. This was most savage; O you *Grecian* Gods, and unseemly, I think, even in *Barbarians*.

Philip having gained the Victory at *Cheronea*, was exalted with the success, as were also all the *Macedonians*. The *Grecians*, fearing him exceedingly, surrendered themselves according to their several Cities, as fast as possible to him. The same did the
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Thebans, and the *Megarenses*, the *Corinthians*, *Acheans*, *Elei*, and the *Eubæans*, that dwelt upon the Sea-side. *Philip* kept not the agreement he had made with them, but subjected them all to Servitude, contrary to right and equity.

CHAP. II.

Of the Valour of the Son of *Harmatidias*.

The Son of *Harmatidias* the *Thessian*, going with others of his Country to aid the *Athenians*, fought at first stoutly and gallantly; then having lost his Arms, fought with his bare hands against the armed men, and so died honourably. I have named the Father of the young man, and celebrated him after the manner of *Homer*. His own name, if any is inquisitive to know, let some other tell.

CHAP. III.

Of *Isadas* a Boy.

The *Lacedemonians* crowned *Isadas*. yet but a Boy, and not obliged by the Law to take Arms, for leaving the *Gymnasium*, and behaving himself gallantly in a Fight. Yet

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because he engaged with the Enemy before his age required it, and before he had received Arms from his Country, they fined him.

CHAP. IV.

Of him that was betrothed to the Daughter of Lyfander.

Lyfander dying, one that was betrothed to his Daughter in his life-time, because she was fatherless, and that *Lyfander* at his decease proved poor, cast her off, and said he would not have her to Wife; hereupon the *Ephori* fined him: not like a *Lacedemonian* or *Grecian*, to forget his Friend dead, and to preferre Wealth before a Contract.

CHAP. V.

Of the Athenian Embassadors.

The *Athenians*, because the Embassadors which they sent to *Arcadia* took another way, and not that which they appointed, though they performed their charge well, put them to death.

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CHAP. VI.
Laconick Laws.

Are not these *Laconick*? There is a Law amongst the *Spartans*, That he who hath had three Sons should be exempt from Watch and Ward; he who five, should be discharg'd from all publick Offices and Taxes. That Marriages should be contracted without Portions. No *Lacedemonian* might learn a Trade. They must goe to Warre clothed in Scarlet: For besides that the colour had something of awfulness in it self; the blood which was spilt upon it from wounds did much more daunt the Enemy, appearing more sharp to the sight and more dreadful.

It was not lawful for a *Lacedemonian* to strip a slain Enemy. They who died fighting stoutly, were carried crowned with Olive and other Branches. But they who had fought best, had a Scarlet-Robe thrown over them, and so were buried honourably.

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CHAP. VII.

Of the Earthquake which happened at Sparta.

When the *Lacedemonians* had treacherously expelled the *Tenarian* Servants, (these Servants were of the race of the *Hilotes*) through the anger of *Neptune* there happened an Earthquake at *Sparta*, which threw down the City, so that there were but five Houses left standing of the whole City.

CHAP. VIII.

Of the Murther of Artaxerxes.

They say that *Artaxerxes* surnamed *Ochus*, being by *Bagoas* the Eunuch, who was an *Egyptian*, slain and cut to pieces, was thrown to Cats, and some other buried in his stead was laid in the Regal Monuments. The Sacrileges which are reported of *Ochus* are many; especially those committed in *Egypt*. Neither was *Bagoas* satisfied with killing *Ochus*, but he also made Hilts for Swords of the Bones of his Thighs: thereby signifying his bloody disposition. He hated him, because when he

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came into *Egypt* he slew *Apis*, as *Cambyses* had done before.

CHAP. IX.

Of a Treasure sought by the Delphians in the Pythian Temple.

There coming a report to *Delphi*, that the Temple of *Apollo* was anciently very rich (grounded upon these Verses of *Homer*,

*Not so much wealth as Phœbus marble
Fane*

Founded in rocky Pytho doth contain,)

They say that hereupon the *Delphians* began to digg about the Altar, and the Tripod; but there happening violent Earthquakes about the Seat of the Oracles, they gave over the attempt.

CHAP. X.

A Law concerning Citizens made by Pericles.

Pericles General of the *Athenians* made a Law, That he whose Parents on both sides were not Citizens, might not enjoy the privileges of a Citizen. From this Law there happened a revenge upon himself; for his

two legitimate Sons, *Paralus* and *Xanthippus*, died of the common Pestilence. There remained onely to him his natural issue, who by their Fathers Law were deprived of interest in the State.

CHAP. XI.

Of Gelo offering to resign the Government.

Gelo having overcome the *Carthaginians* at *Himera*, reduced all *Sicily* to his obedience. Then coming into the Market-place unarmed, he declared that he would resign the Government to the Citizens. But they refused, knowing him to be more loving to the people, then desirous of Monarchick power. Hence in the Temple of *Sicilian Juno* there is an Image representing him unarmed; which pictures this action.

CHAP. XII.

Of the Happiness of Dionysius, and what end it had.

Dionysius the second had an Empire excellently fortified after this manner. He possessed Ships no less then four hundred, of five rows and six rows of Oars. His power

power of foot-souldiers was a hundred thousand, Horse-men nine thousand. The City of *Syracusa* was adorned with exceeding great Havens, and encompassed with a very high Wall. He had store for five hundred Ships more. His provision of Corn which was laid up was a hundred Myriads of *Medimna*. His Magazine was furnished with Shields, Swords, and Spears, many Legg-Arms, Breast-plates, and Slings. The Sling was *Dionysius* his own invention.

He had also many Auxiliaries; and considering in these *Dionysius* thought he possessed an Empire bound with Adamant. But he first put his Brothers to death; then saw his Sons cruelly murdered, and Daughters first ravished, then killed. Not one of those that descended from him had the rite of Sepulture: for some were burned alive, others cut in pieces and cast into the Sea. This happened to him, when *Dio* Son of *Hipparinus* invaded his Kingdome. He himself died old in extreme poverty.

Theopompus saith, that through excessive Drinking he had so great an infirmity in his Eyes, that he grew blind; and that he sat in Barbers Shops, and talked jestingly to move laughter; and that in the midst of Greece he led a dishonourable and wretched life.

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No light argument to persuade men to moderation and temper, is the change of *Dionysius* his fortune, from so high, to so low a condition.

CHAP. XIII.

Of Tyrannical Governments in Greece, which have continued in Posterities.

It is excellently ordered by Providence, that Tyrannical Governments last not to the third Generation; but either the Tyrants are rooted out like Pitch-trees, or their Children devided of Power. But amongst the *Greeks* these Tyrannical Governments are known to have lasted so long; that of *Gelo* in *Sicily*, of the *Leucani-ans* in *Bosphorus*, and of the *Cypselide* at *Corinth*.

CHAP. XIV.

Of a Conspiracy against Darius.

I am told an extraordinary meek act of *Darius* Son of *Hystaspes*. *Aribazus* the *Hyrcanian*, with many other persons, not inconsiderable, in *Persia*, conspired against him. The Plot was laid at a Hunting: which *Darius* understanding, was not daunted,

ted, but commanded them to betake themselves to their Weapons and Horses, and to fix their Arms. And looking sternly upon them, "Why then doe you not that," said he, which you designed? But they seeing the undaunted look of the man, gave over the attempt. And so great fear seized them, that they threw away their Spears, leaped from their Horses, adored *Darius*, and delivered themselves up to doe with them as he pleased.

He separated them from one another, and sent some to the confines of *India*, others to the borders of *Scythia*; and they continued ever afterwards faithful to him, being mindful of this favour.

The End.

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Various History.

The Seventh Book.

CHAP. I.

*Of Semiramis, and how she obtained
the Assyrian Empire.*



S*emiramis* the *Assyrian* several things are related. She was the fairest of Women, yet neglected her Beauty. When she came to the King of *Assyria*, whether she was summoned through the renown of her Beauty, as soon as he saw her, he fell in love with her. She requested of the King that he would grant her a Royal Robe, and that she might have the command of *Assyria* five daies, and the ordering of all things during that time. She failed not of her request. But as soon as the King had seated

her upon the Throne, and that she knew all things, were at her power and disposal, she commanded the Guard to kill the King, and so possessed herself of the *Assyrian* Empire. *Dionysius* relates this.

CHAP. II.

Of the Luxury of Strato and Nicocles.

Strato the *Sidonian* is said to have studied to exceed all men in Luxury and Magnificence. *Theopompus* the *Chian* compares his life to the Feasting of the *Phæacians*, which *Homer* according to his great wit, as he useth to doe, highly magnified. This man had not a single Musician at his Feast to delight him, but there waited many Women-Musicians, and players on the Flute, and beautiful Curtezans, and Women-dancers. He emulated exceedingly *Nicocles* the *Cyprian*, and *Nicocles* him. This emulation was about nothing serious, but concerning the things we spoke of. For each of them hearing from those who came from the other what was done there, emulated and endeavoured to exceed the other. But this lasted not alwaies, for both died violent deaths.

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CHAP. III.

A Consolatory Saying of Aristippus.

Aristippus, to some of his friends being exceedingly afflicted, besides many other Consolatory speeches, said thus at first to them, "I come to you not as to condole
"with you, but to suppress your grief."

CHAP. IV.

Of the praise of a Mill.

Pittacus exceedingly commended a Mill making an Encomium upon it, for that many persons may exercise themselves in a little compass. There was a common Song hence called the Mill-Song.

CHAP. V.

Of the hand-labour of Ulysses and Achilles in many things.

Even *Laertes* was by his Son surprised labouring with his hands, and pruning his Tree when he was very old. *Ulysses* likewise confesseth that he knew many things and how to doe them with his own hands.

There is not any man alive so good at making fires, & clearing out the wood.

He also quickly made a little Ship by his own labour, without any Ship-wright. And *Achilles* himself, who was the third from *Jupiter*, did cut the meat and dress the Supper for the Embassadors that came from the *Achaens*.

CHAP. VI.

The answer of a Scythian concerning Cold.

On a time there falling a great Snow, the King of the *Scythians* asked one whom he saw walk naked, whether he were not frozen. He again asked the King whether his Forehead were not frozen. To which he answering, No; the other replied, "Neither am I, for I am Forehead all over."

CHAP. VII.

Of Demosthenes his Watchfulness.

Pytheas scoffed at *Demosthenes* Son of *Demosthenes*, saying that his Arguments melt of the Lamp, because he sat up all the night, meditating and considering what he should say when he was to come before the Athenians.

CHAP. VIII.
Of Alexander's grief at Hephæstion's
Death.

When *Hephæstion* died, *Alexander* cast into the Pyre his Arms, and Gold and Silver, to be burnt with the dead body; as also a Vest of great esteem amongst the *Persians*. He likewise caused all the chief Souldiers to be shaved, himself acting an *Homeric* passion, and imitating his *Achilles*. But he did more eagerly and fiercely, laying waste the Castle of the City *Ecbatana*, and throwing down the Wall. As to the shaving of his Hair, he did in my opinion like a *Greek*: but in throwing down the Walls, he exprest his mourning like a *Barbarian*. He also changed his Vest, giving all over to grief, love and tears.

Hephæstion died at *Ecbatana*. It is reported that these things were intended for the Burial of *Hephæstion*, but that *Alexander* used them dying, before the mourning was over for the young man.

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CHAP. IX.
Of a Modest Woman.

Was not this a singular token of Modesty? To me it seems such. The Wife of *Phocion* wore *Phocion's* Vest, and required not a * *Crocotum*, or * *Tarentine*, or Cloak, or Mantle, or Veil, or Hood, or coloured Robes. But she first put on Modesty, and then such things as were at hand.

* A thin
Saffron-
coloured
Gown.
* A thin
fringed or
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Gown. He-
sich.

CHAP. X.
Of the Wife of Socrates.

Xanthippe, Wife of *Socrates*, refusing to put on his Vest, so to goe to a publick Spectacle, he said, "Do you not perceive that you goe not to see, but rather to be seen?"

CHAP. XI.
Of the Shoes of the Roman Women.

Of the *Roman Women* many have used to wear the same Shoes as Men.

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CHAP. XII.

An Apophthegm of Lyfander or Philip concerning Perjury.

Children must be cheated by Dice, Men by Oaths. Some ascribe this Saying to *Lyfander*, others to *Philip the Macedonian*. But which soever it was, it is not well said, in my opinion. Neither is it perhaps strange that *Lyfander* and I differ in our opinions, for he was a Tyrant: but my mind may be gues'd by this, that I have declared that this Saying pleaseth me not.

CHAP. XIII.

Of the Tolerance of Agefilaus.

Agefilaus a *Lacedemonian*, now an old man, very often went forth without Shoes and Coat, in his Mantle, and that in the Winter mornings. And when a certain person reprehended him, that he did more youthfully then became his age, he answered, "But the young Citizens cast their eyes on me, as Colts on their Sires,

CHAP. XIV.

Of Philosophers that went to War, and administered Civil Government.

Were not the Philosophers skilful in Warlike affairs? To me they seem such. For the *Tanephines* chose *Archytas* their General six times. - *Melissus* was their Admiral. *Socrates* fought thrice, and *Plato* himself at *Tanagra*, and at *Corinth*. The Warlike actions and Generalship of *Xenophon* many celebrate, and he himself acknowledgeth, in his Discourses concerning *Cyrus*. *Dio* son of *Hipparinus* subverted the Tyranny of *Dionysius*: and *Epaminondas*, being made chief Commander of the *Bæotians*, at *Leuctra* overcame the *Lacedemonians*, and was chief among the *Romans* and *Grecians*. *Zeno* much advantaged the *Athenian* State, whilst he was with *Antigonus*. For there is no difference if a man benefits others, whether it be by his Wisdom or Arms.

CHAP. XV.

How the Mitylenæans revenged themselves upon their revolted Confederates.

The *Mitylenæans* being absolute Masters of the Sea, imposed as a punishment upon their Confederates which had revolted from them, That they should not teach their children to read, nor suffer them to be instructed in any Learning; conceiving that to be bred Ignorantly and Illiterately was of all punishments the greatest.

CHAP. XVI.

Of Rome, Remus, Romulus, and Servia.

Rome was built by *Remus* and *Romulus*, sons of *Mars* and *Servia*. She was of the Race of *Æneas*.

CHAP. XVII.

Of Eudoxus coming to Sicily.

When *Eudoxus* came to *Sicily*, *Dionysius* largely congratulated his arrival. But he neither flattering nor concealing anything said, "I come as to a good Host
"with

"with whom *Plato* liveth. Declaring that he came not for his sake, but for the others.

CHAP. XVIII.

That the Egyptians are courageous in Torments; and of the Indian Women.

They say that the *Egyptians* behave themselves stoutly in Torments. And that an *Egyptian* being put to torture, will sooner die then confess the truth. Amongst the *Indians*, the Wives resolutely goe into the same fire with their dead Husbands. The Wives of the man contest ambitiously about it; and she to whom the Lot falls is burned with him.

CHAP. XIX.

Of Solon's Stratagem against the Megareans, and how afterwards he overcame them by Argument.

Solon was made General in the Warre concerning *Salamis*. Having taken two *Megarean* Ships, he manned them with *Athenian* Souldiers, and caused them to put on the Enemies Armour, and passing undiscovered slew many of the *Megareans* unarmed.

He also overcame them by Reason, not by specious words, but weight of Argument. For causing some Monuments of the dead to be opened, he shewed that they were all *Athenians*, being laid towards the West, according to the manner of their Country; for the *Megareans* used to be buried disorderly, and as it happened. The *Lacedemonians* judged the Controversie.

CHAP. XX.

Of an old man, a Cean, that Died his Hair.

There came to *Lacedemon* a *Cean*, an old man, conceited of himself and ashamed of his age: For which reason he endeavoured to conceal the grayness of his hair by Dying it. Coming in this manner before the *Lacedemonians* in publick, he declared his busyness. But *Archidamus* King of the *Lacedemonians* rising up, "What truth, said he, can this man speak, who doth not onely lie in his Heart, but in his Hair? So he rejected what he had alledged, from his outward appearance arguing the unsoundness of his Mind.

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CHAP. XXI.

Of the sedulity and care of Cæsar and Pompey, to learn such things which are requisite to govern rightly.

Cæsar disdained not to frequent the School of *Aristo*, and *Pompey* that of *Cratippus*. For their great power did not make them despise those persons that might most advantage them; and of these they had need notwithstanding their great Dignities. For, as it seems, they desired not so much to command, as to command well.

The End.

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Various History.

The Eighth Book.

CHAP. I.

Of Socrates his Dæmon.

ocrates said of his Dæmon to *Theages*, *Demodocus*, and many others, that he many times perceived a voice warning him by Divine instinct, which, saith he, when it comes, signifieth a dissuasion from that which I am going to doe, but never persuades to doe any thing. And when any of my friends (saith he) impart their business to me, if this voice happens, it dissuades also, giving me the like counsel: Whereupon I dehorte him who adviseth with me, and suffer him not to proceed in what he was about, following the Divine admo-

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admonition. He alledged as witness hereof *Charmides* son of *Glauco*, who asking his advice, whether he should exercise at the *Nemean Games*; as soon as he began to speak, the voice gave the accustomed sigh. Whereupon *Socrates* endeavoured to divert *Charmides* from his purpose, telling him the reason: But he not following the advice, it succeeded ill with him.

CHAP. II.

Of Hipparchus his Wisedome, his care of Learned men; and of Homer's Poems.

Hipparchus, eldest son of *Pisistratus*, was the wisest person among the *Athenians*. He first brought *Homer's Poems* to *Athens*, and caused the *Rhapsodists* to sing them at the *Panathenaick Feast*. He sent also a Gally of fifty Oars to *Anacreon* the *Teian* [Poet] that he might come to him. To *Simonides* the *Cean* [Poet] he was very kind; and kept him alwaies with him, obliging him (as is probable) by great gifts and rewards: for that *Simonides* was a great lover of money, none will deny. This *Hipparchus* made it his business to favour Learned men, and endeavoured by his authority to reduce the *Athenians* to Learning, and
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to better his Subjects, conceiving that no man ought to envy Wisdom, who himself is just and honest. This *Plato* relates, if * *Hipparchus* be truly his.

* A Dialogue found in the Works of *Plato*.

CHAP. III.

The Athenian Custom of killing an Oxe, and of the *Diipolian* and *Buphonian Festival*.

This is an *Athenian* Custom when an Oxe is killed: By Proclamation they acquit all severally of Murther, onely they condemn the Knife, and say that killed him. The day on which they doe this they call the *Diipolian* and *Buphonian Festival*.

CHAP. IV.

Of the Luxury of *Poliarchus*.

They say that *Poliarchus* the *Athenian* arrived at so great a height of Luxury, that he caused those Dogs and Cocks which he had loved, being dead, to be carried out solemnly, and invited friends to their Funerals, and buried them splendidly, erecting Columns over them, on which were engraving Epitaphs.

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CHAP. V.

Of *Neleus* and *Medon*, and the Twelve *Ionian Cities*.

Neleus Son of *Codrus*, being deposed from the Regal Government, left *Athens*, (for the *Pythian Oracle* assigned the Kingdom to *Medon*) and intending to settle a Colony came to *Naxos*, not by design, but driven thither by Tempest: willing to depart thence, he was hindered by contrary winds. Whereupon being in suspense what to doe, the Soothsayers told him that his Company must be expiated, there being amongst those who came along with him many persons whose hands were defiled with blood. Hereupon he pretended that he had killed some servant, and needed Expiation; whereby he induced such as were conscious of ill to the same. Which done, having now discovered who were the profane persons, he left them. They continued at *Naxos*; but *Neleus* came to *Ionis*, and first settled at *Miletus*, having turned out the *Carians*, the *Mygdonians*, the *Leleges*; and the rest of the Barbarians * who built the Twelve Cities in *Ionis*. The Cities are these; *Miletus*, *Ephesus*, *Erythra*,

* For ἀφ' ὧν κληθίσανται perhaps should be read ἀπὸ τῶν ἐκ τῆς Ἰωνίας.

Clazomenae.

Clazomena, Priena, Lesbos, Teos, Colophon, Myus, Phocæa, Samos, and Chios. He also built many other Cities in *Epirus*.

CHAP. VI.

Of the ignorance of Learning and Institution amongst the Barbarians.

They say, that none of the ancient *Thracians* knew any thing of Learning. Even all the *Barbarians* that inhabited *Europe* thought it dishonourable to understand Literature; But those in *Asia* (as is said) used it more. Whence some forbear not to affirm, That not *Orpheus* himself, being a *Thracian*, was wise; but that his Writings are false and fabulous. This *Androtion* asserts, if he be credible, concerning the ignorance of Learning and Institution amongst the *Thracians*.

CHAP. VII.

Of the Marriages solemnized by Alexander, after his Victory over Darius.

Alexander having taken *Darius*, solemnized Marriages of himself and friends. The men that were married were ninety, and the Marriage-beds as many. The Hall in which

which they were entertained had a hundred Couches, such as they used to lie on at Meals: The feet of every Couch were of Silver; but of that on which he lay, they were of Gold. They were all covered with various-coloured Carpets of rich *Barbarian* work. He admitted to the Feast some particular Friends, whom he caused to sit over against him. In the Court were feasted the Foot-souldiers, Mariners, Horsemen, Embassadors, and Foreign *Greeks*. Before Supper the * Trumpets sounded, to give notice that it was time to come to the Table; and again when Supper was ended, that they should rise to depart. He solemnized these Nuptials five daies together. Very many Musicians, and Players, Tragedians and Comedians, came thither. There came also many Jugglers out of *India*, of which kind those of that Country exceed all others.

CHAP. VIII.

Of the Art of Painting.

Conon the *Cleonaean* (as is said) perfected the Art of Painting, which until then was but rude, and very indifferent, and as it were in its infancy. For which reason he also received a greater reward than the Painters that were before.

CHAP. IX.

Of a Tyrant killed by his Friend.

Archelaus, Tyrant of *Macedonia*, (for so *Plato* calls him, not King) loved *Crates* exceedingly, who no less loved the supreme Command, and therefore killed his Friend *Archelaus*, hoping thereby to obtain the Tyranny, and make himself happy. But having possess'd the Tyranny three or four daies, he was also betray'd by others and slain. To this *Macedonick* Tragedy aptly suit these Verses,

*Who snares for others laies,
Himself at last betraies.*

They say that *Archelaus* had betrothed one of his Daughters to him: but marrying her to another, he out of indignation slew *Archelaus*.

CHAP. X.

Of Solon, and the Laws written by him and Draco.

The *Athenians* chose *Solon* their *Archon*; for that Office was not conferr'd by lot. After he was chosen, he beautified the City, besides

besides other things, with Laws which he writ for them, and are observed to this day. Then the *Athenians* gave over using the Laws of *Draco*, which were call'd *Thesmi*, retaining onely those which concern'd Homicides.

CHAP. XI.

Of the decay and dissolution of things, and of the World it self.

It is not to be wondred at, that Humane Nature being mortal and transitory, necessitates them to perish, if we look upon Rivers that fail, and consider that even the highest Mountains diminish. Travellers say that *Aetna* appears to be much less then it was formerly. They relate the same of *Parnassus*, and *Olympus* the *Pierican* Mountain. And they who seem to understand the nature of the Universe, assert that the World it self shall be dissolved.

CHAP. XII.

Of Demosthenes, Æschines, Theophrastus, and Demochares.

It is a strange thing, if true, that *Demosthenes* failing of *Rhetorick* in *Macedonia*,

Æschines the *Cothocidean*, son of *Atromitus*, flourished amongst the *Macedonians*, and farre transcended the rest of the Embassadours in wit. The cause whereby this happened to *Æschines*, was the friendship of *Philip* and his gifts; and because *Philip* heard him patiently and pleasingly, and looked upon him with a mild and benevolent aspect, thereby discovering the good will he had for him; all which were great incitements to *Æschines* of confidence and fluent Language. This happened not onely to *Demosthenes* in *Macedonia*, though a most excellent Oratour, but also to *Theophrastus* the *Eresian*; for he likewise was at a loss before the Council of the *Areopagus*, for which he alledged this excuse, That he was daunted with the grave presence of the Senate. To which speech *Demochares* answered bitterly and readily thus, "*Theophrastus*, the Judges were *Athenians*, not the twelve Gods.

CHAP. XIII.

Of some who never laughed.

They say that *Anaxagoras* the *Clazomenian* never laughed, nor so much as smiled. They say also that *Aristoxenus* was a great

great enemy to Laughter. And that *Heraclitus* bewailed all things in life.

CHAP. XIV.

Of the death of Diogenes.

Diogenes the *Sinopean*, being sick to death, and scarce able to goe, cast himself from a Bridge which was near the place of exercise, and charged the Keeper of the place that as soon as he was quite dead, he should throw him into the [River] *Ilissus*; so little did *Diogenes* value Death or Burial.

CHAP. XV.

Of the Moderation of Philip upon a Victory; and of what he would be minded continually.

Philip, when he had vanquished the *Athenians* at *Charonæa*, though exalted with his success, yet subdued his passion, and behaved himself not insolently. Therefore he thought it requisite to be put in mind by one of his Servants that he was a Man: wherefore he appointed this office to a Servant; neither did he goe forth before that, as is said; nor was any that came to speak with him admitted before the Servant had

cried aloud thrice to him, which he did daily. He said to him, "*Philip*, thou art a Man.

CHAP. XVI.

Of *Solon* and *Pisistratus*.

Solon son of *Execestides* now grown old, began to suspect *Pisistratus* as aiming at Tyranny, when he came before a publick Convention of the *Athenians*, and required a Guard of the people. But seeing the *Athenians*, not regarding his speeches, went to *Pisistratus*, he said that he was wiser then some, and more valiant then others: wiser then those who perceived not that as soon as he had gotten a Guard, he would become Tyrant; more valiant then those who perceived it, but held their peace. *Pisistratus* having gotten this power made himself Tyrant. Then *Solon* hanging out his Shield and Spear before his Gate, said, That he had taken Arms and defended his Country whilst he was able; and now, though no longer fit by reason of his age to be a Souldier, he still was in mind a well-willer. Notwithstanding *Pisistratus*, whether respecting the man and his wisdom, or mindful of their acquaintance in his youth, did no harm to *Solon*.

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Not long after *Solon* being very old died, leaving behind him a great renown of Wisdom and Fortitude. They set up his Image of Brass in the Market-place, and buried him publicly near the Gates of the Wall on the right hand as you come in. His Monument was encompassed with a Wall.

CHAP. XVII.

Of *Oenycinus* Monarch of the *Zancleans*.

Oenycinus a *Scythian*, Monarch of the *Zancleans*, came up into *Asia* to King *Darius*; and was esteemed by him more just then all the persons that had come up out of *Greece* to him: For having obtained leave of the King, he went into *Sicily*, and came back again from thence to the King. This *Democedes* the *Crotonian* did not; and therefore *Darius* much reproached him, calling him a Deceiver, and a most wicked man. But the *Scythian* lived very happily in *Persia* till he was old, and died there.

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CHAP. XVIII.

Of Euthymus and the Hero in Temese, and a Proverb.

Euthymus a *Locrian*, of those in *Italy*, was an eminent Wrestler, and reported to have been of admirable Strength. For the *Locrians* shew an extraordinary great Stone which he carried and set before his Gates. He quelled the Hero in *Temese*, who exacted Tribute of all that lived thereabout; for coming into his Temple, which to most persons was inaccessible, he fought with him, and compelled him to give up much more then he had plundered: whence arose a Proverb of those who get any thing whereby they receive no benefit, that the Hero in *Temese* is come to them. They say that *Euthymus* going down to the River *Cacis*, which runs by the City of the *Locrians*, was never after seen.

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CHAP. XIX.

The Epitaph of Anaxagoras, and his Altar.

*Here lies, who through the myst waies
did pass*

O'th' world Celestial, Anaxagoras.

There was a double Altar erected to him; one inscribed of the Minde, the other of Truth.

The End.

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Various History.

The Ninth Book.

CHAP. I.

That Hiero loved Learning, and was liberal, and lived friendly with his Brothers.

THEY say that *Hiero* the *Syracusan* was a lover of the *Grecians*, and esteemed Learning exceedingly. They affirm also that he was most ready to conferre benefits; for he was more forward to bestow them, then the suiters to receive them. His soul likewise was of great courage, and he lived together with his Brothers, who were three, without any jealousy, loving them, and beloved in like manner of them exceedingly. With him lived *Simonides* and

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and *Pindar*; neither did *Simonides*, though of extraordinary age, decline coming to him. For the *Cean* was naturally very covetous, and that which chiefly allured him was (as they say) the Liberality of *Hiero*.

CHAP. II.

Of the Victory of Taurosthenes.

To *Ægina* from *Olympia* on the same day news of the Victory of *Taurosthenes* was brought to his Father, some say by an Apparition; others report that he carried along with him a Pigeon taken from her young (not yet fledged,) and as soon as he gained the Victory, let her loose, having tied a little purple about her, and then she came back to her young the same day from *Pisa* to *Ægina*.

CHAP. III.

Of the Luxury and Pride of Alexander and some others.

Alexander made his Companions effeminate by allowing them to be Luxurious. For *Agno* wore golden nails in his Shoes. *Clitus*, when any came to ask counsel of him, came out to his Clients clothed in Purple.

Purple. *Perdiccas* and *Craterus*, who loved exercise, had alwaies brought after them Lists made of Skins of the length of a *Stadium*, which upon occasion they pitched on the ground, and exercised within them. They were attended with a continual cloud of dust raised by the Beasts that brought these Carriages. *Leonnatus* and *Menelaus*, who were addicted to Hunting, had Hangings brought after them which reached the length of a hundred *Stadia*. *Alexander* himself had a Tent that held a hundred Couches; the partitions made by fifty Pillars of Gold which upheld the Roof: the Roof it self was of Gold curiously wrought. Within it round about were placed first five hundred *Persians*, called *Melophori*, clothed in purple and yellow Coats. Next those a thousand Archers in flame-colour and light red. Withall a hundred *Macedonian* Squires with silver Shields. In the middle of the Tent was placed a Golden Throne, upon which *Alexander* sate and heard suits, encompassed round about with this Guard. The Tent it self was surrounded with a thousand *Macedonians*, and ten thousand *Persians*. Neither might any man without much difficulty get access to him, for he was much dreaded, being raised by Fortune

and exalted with Pride to so large a Tyranny.

CHAP. IV.

Of the diligence of Polycrates in hearing Anacreon, and of his Jealousie.

Polycrates the *Samian* was addicted to the *Muses*, and much respected *Anacreon* the *Teian*, and took delight as well in his Verses as Company: but I cannot commend his intemperate life. *Anacreon* made an Encomium of *Smerdias*.

CHAP. V.

Of Hiero and Themistocles.

Themistocles, when *Hiero* brought Horses to the *Olympick* Games, forbade him the Solemnity, saying, It was not fit that he that would not share in their greatest Danger, should partake of their Festivals. For which *Themistocles* was commended.

CHAP. VI.

Of Pericles and his Sons dying of the Pestilence.

Pericles, when his Sons were taken away by the Pestilence, bore their death with great

great fortitude: By whose example the rest of the *Athenians* were encouraged to suffer patiently the loss of their nearest friends.

CHAP. VII.

Of Socrates his Equanimity in all things.

Xanthippe used to say, that when the State was oppressed with a thousand miseries, yet *Socrates* always went abroad and came home with the same look. For he bore a mind smooth and chearful upon all occasions, farre remote from Grief, and above all Fear.

CHAP. VIII.

Of Dionysius his Incontinence.

Dionysius the younger coming to the City of the *Locrians*, (for *Deris* his Mother was a *Locrian*) took possession of the fairest houses of the City, and caused the floors to be strewed with Roses, Marjoram, and other Flowers. He also sent for the Daughters of the *Locrians*, with whom he conversed lasciviously. But he was punished for this; for when his Tyranny was subverted by *Dio*, the *Locrians* seized on his Daughters, and prostituted them publicly

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to all persons, especially to such as were of kin to the Virgins whom *Dionysius* had abused: This done, they pricked their fingers under their nails, and so killed them; then they pounded their bones in a Mortar, and whosoever tasted nor of the flesh that was taken from them, they cursed. What remained they cast into the Sea. As for *Dionysius*, he suffered the vicissitude of Fortune at *Corinth*, in extreme poverty, becoming a *Metragyrta*, and begging Alms, beating a Tabour and playing on a Pipe till he died.

CHAP. IX.

That Demetrius also was Incontinent.

Demetrius Poliorcetes, having taken Cities, abused them to maintain his Luxury, exacting of them yearly one thousand and two hundred Talents. Of which summe, the least part was employed for the Army, the rest expended upon his own Disorders: for not onely himself, but the floors of his House were anointed with sweet Unguents, and according to the season of the year, Flowers strewed for him to tread on. He was lascivious also; he studied to appear handsome, and Died his hair yellow, and used Paint.

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CHAP. X.

Of Plato's little valuing Life.

Plato, when it was told him that the Academy was an unhealthy place, and the Physicians advised him to remove to the *Lyceum*, refused, saying, "I would not to prolong my life, goe live on the top of *Athos*."

CHAP. XI.

Of Parrhasius the Painter.

That *Parrhasius* the Painter wore a Purple Vest and Crown of Gold, besides others; the Epigrams on many of his Images attest. On a time he contested at *Samos*, and met with an Adversary not much inferior to himself; he was worsted: the subject was *Ajax* contending with *Ulysses* for the Arms of *Achilles*, *Parrhasius* being this overcome, said to a friend who bewailed the misfortune, that for his own being worsted he valued it not; but he was sorry for the son of *Telamon*, that in the same contest had been twice overcome by his Adversary. He carried a Staff full of golden Nails: His Shoes were fastened on the

top

top with golden Buckles. They say he wrought freely and without trouble, and cheerfully, singing softly all the while to divert himself. This is related by *Theophrastus*.

CHAP. XII.

Of the Epicureans banished by the Romans and Messenians.

The Romans expelled *Alcaeus* and *Philisus* out of the City, because they taught the young men many dishonest pleasures, Likewise the *Messenians* expelled the *Epicureans*.

CHAP. XIII.

Of the Gluttony and excessive Fatness of Dionysius.

I am informed that *Dionysius* the *Heraclote*, son of *Clearchus* the Tyrant, through daily Gluttony and intemperance, increased to an extraordinary degree of Corpulency and Fatness, by reason whereof he had much ado to take breath. The Physicians ordered for remedy of this inconvenience, that Needles should be made very long and small, which when he fell into sound sleep should be thrust through his sides into his belly. Which office his Attendants performed,

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formed, and till the Needle had passed quite through the fat, and came to the flesh it self, he lay like a stone; but when it came to the firm flesh, he felt it and awaked. When he had business, when any came to speak with him for advice or orders, he set a Chest before him, (some say it was not a Chest, but a little kind of Turret) which hid all of him but his face, which was seen out of the top, and so talked with them: an excellent Garment, farre fitter for a Beast then a Man.

CHAP. XIV.

Of the extraordinary Leanness of Philetas.

They say that *Philetas* the *Coan* was extremely lean; insomuch that being apt to be thrown down upon the least occasion, he was fain, as they report, to put Lead within the soles of his Shoes, lest the wind, if it blew hard, should overturn him. But if he were so feeble that he could not resist the wind, how was he able to draw such weight after him? To me it seems improbable. I onely relate what I have heard.

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CHAP. XV.

Of Homer.

The *Argives* give the first Palm of all Poetry to *Homer*, making all others second to him. When they sacrificed, they invoked *Apollo* and *Homer* to be present with them. Moreover they say, that not being able to give a portion with his Daughter, he bestowed on her his *Cyprian* Poems, as *Pindar* attests.

CHAP. XVI.

Of Italy, and of Mares both Man and Horse.

The *Ausonians* first inhabited *Italy*, being Natives of the place. They say that in old time a man lived there named *Mares*, before like a Man, behind like a Horse, his name signifying as much as *Hippomiges* in Greek, *Half-horse*. My opinion is, that he first back'd and managed a Horse; whence he was believed to have both Natures. They fable that he lived a hundred twenty three years; and that he died thrice, and was restored thrice to life: which I conceive incredible. They say that more several

ral Nations inhabited *Italy* then any other Land, by reason of the temperateness of the Country and goodness of the Soil, it being well watered, fruitful, and full of Rivers, and having all along convenient Havens to harbour Ships. Moreover, the humanity and civility of the Inhabitants allured many to remove thither. And that there were in *Italy* one thousand one hundred and ninety seven Cities.

CHAP. XVII.

Of Demosthenes his Pride.

Demosthenes seems to be argued of Pride by this relation, which saith, that the Water-bearers raised a Pride in him, when they said something of him softly to one another as he passed by. For he who was puffed up by them, and proud of such commendations, what must he be when the whole publick Assembly applauded him?

CHAP. XVIII.

Of Themistocles.

Themistocles son of *Neocles* likened himself to Oaks, saying that men come to them for shelter, when they have need of them.

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him, and desire to be protected by their boughs; but when it is fair, they come to them to strip and peel them. He also said, "If any one should shew me two waies, one leading to the Grave, the other to the Tribunal, I should think it more pleasant to take that which leads to the Grave."

CHAP. XIX.

That Demosthenes refused, being called by Diogenes to goe into a Cook's Shop.

As on a time *Diogenes* was at Dinner in a Cook's Shop, he called to *Demosthenes* who passed by. But he taking no notice, "Do you think it a disparagement, *Demosthenes*, (said he) to come into a Cook's Shop: your Master comes hither every day; meaning the Common people, and implying that Oratours and Lawyers are Servants of the Vulgar."

CHAP. XX.

Of Aristippus.

Aristippus being in a great storm at Sea, one of those who were aboard with him said, "Are you afraid too, *Aristippus*, as well as we of the ordinary sort?" "Yes, answer-

"red he, and with reason; for you shall
 "onely lose a wicked life, but I, Felicity.

CHAP. XXI. Of Theramenes.

It happened that as soon as *Theramenes* came out of an House, the House fell down immediately: The *Athenians* flocked to him from every side to congratulate his escape; but he, contrary to all their expectations, said, "O *Jupiter*, to what opportunity do you reserve me? And not long after he was put to death by the Thirty Tyrants, drinking Hemlock.

CHAP. XXII. Of some that studied Medicine.

They say that *Pythagoras* was much addicted to the Art of Medicine. *Plato* also studied it much. So did *Aristotle* son of *Nicomachus*, and many others.

CHAP. XXIII. Of Aristotle being sick.

Aristotle on a time falling sick, the Physician prescribed him something. "Cure
 "me

"me not as if I were an Oxe-driver, (saith
 "he) but shew me first a reason, and then I
 "will obey: Implying, that nothing is to
 be done but upon good grounds.

CHAP. XXIV. Of the Luxury of Smindyrides.

Smindyrides the *Sybarite* advanced to so high degree of Luxury, that though the *Sybarites* themselves were very luxurious, yet he farre out-went them. On a time being laid to sleep on a bed of Roses, as soon as he awaked he said, That the hardness of the Bed had raised Blisters on him. How would he have done to lie on the Ground, or on a Carpet, or on the Grass, or on a Bull's skin, as *Diomedes*? a Bed besitting a Souldier.

And underneath him a Bull's skin they spread.

CHAP. XXV. How Pisistratus behaved himself towards his Citizens.

Pisistratus having obtained the Government, sent for such as passed their time idly in the Market-place, and asked them the

reason why they walked up and down unemployed, adding, "If your yoke of Oxen be dead, take of mine, and goe your waies and work; if you want Corn for seed, you shall have some of me. He feared lest being idle, they might contrive some Treason against him.

CHAP. XXVI. Of Zeno and Antigonus.

Antigonus the King loved and respected *Zeno* the *Cittican* exceedingly. It happened, that on a time being full of Wine, he met *Zeno*, and like a drunken man embraced and kissed him, and bade him ask some thing of him, binding himself by an Oath to grant it. *Zeno* said to him, "Goe then and sleep; gravely and discreetly reproving his Drunkenness, and consulting his Health.

CHAP. XXVII. Ingenuity of Manners.

One reprehended a *Lacedemonian* Rustick for grieving immoderately. He answered with great simplicity, "What should I doe? It is not I that am the cause, but Nature.

CHAP.

CHAP. XXVIII. Of Diogenes.

A *Spartan* commending this Verse of *Hesiod*,

*Not so much as an Ox can die,
Unless a Neighbour ill be by;*

and *Diogenes* hearing him, "But, saith he, the *Messenians* and their Oxen were destroyed, and you are their Neighbours.

CHAP. XXIX. That Socrates was fearless, and desired Gifts.

Socrates coming home late one night from a Feast, some wild young men knowing of his return, lay in wait for him, attired like Furies, with Vizards and Torches, whereby they used to fright such as they met. *Socrates* as soon as he saw them, nothing troubled, made a stand, and fell to question them, as he used to doe to others in the *Lyceum*, or *Academy*.

Alcibiades, ambitiously munificent, sent many Presents to *Socrates*. *Xanthippe* admiring their value, desired him to accept them. "We (answered *Socrates*) will con-

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"test in Liberality with *Alcibiades*, not accepting by a kind of munificence what he hath sent us.

Also when one said to him, "It is a great thing to enjoy what we desire; He answered, "But a greater not to desire at all."

CHAP. XXX.

Of the Providence of Anaxarchus.

Anaxarchus when he accompanied *Alexander* in the Warres, the Winter coming on, foreseeing that *Alexander* would encamp in a place destitute of wood, buried all his Vessels and other Utensils in his Tent, and laded his Carriages with wood. When they came to the Rendezvous, there being want of wood, *Alexander* was forced to make use of his Bedsteads for Fuel. But being told that *Anaxarchus* had gotten fire, he went to him and anointed himself in his Tent. And having understood his Providence, commended it, bestowing on him Utensils and Garments double in value to those he had thrown away, for the use of his fire.

CHAP.

CHAP. XXXI.

Of a Wrestler who, having gained the Victory, died before he was Crowned.

A Wrestler of *Crotona* having gained the Victory at the *Olympick Games*, going to the Judges to receive the Crown, was suddenly seized with an Epileptick fit, and died with the fall.

CHAP. XXXII.

Of the Statues of Phryne a Curtizan, and the Mares of Cimon.

The *Grecians* erected a Statue of *Phryne* the Curtizan at *Delphi* upon a high Pillar: I say not simply the *Grecians*, lest I seem to involve them all in that crime whom I chiefly love, but those of the *Grecians* who were most addicted to Intemperance. The Statue was of Gold. There were also at *Athens* Statues of the Mares of *Cimon* in Brass proportioned to the life.

CHAP.

CHAP. XXXIII.

The Answer of a young man to his Father, demanding what he had learned.

A young man of *Eretria*, having heard *Zeno* a long time, returning home, his Father asked him what *Wisedome* he had learnt. He answered that he would shew him. His Father being angry, and beating him, he bore it humbly. "This (saith he) I have learnt, To bear with the anger of a Father.

CHAP. XXXIV.

Of persons richly clad.

Diogenes coming to *Olympia*, and seeing at the Solemnity some young men, *Rhodi-ans*, richly attired, laughing said, "This is Pride. Then meeting with some *Lacedæmonians* clad in Coats coarse and sordid, "This (saith he) is another Pride.

CHAP. XXXV.

Of Antisthenes taking pride in a torn Cloak.

Socrates seeing that *Antisthenes* alwaies exposed to view the torn part of his Cloak, "Will

"Will you not (saith he) lay aside Ostentation amongst us?

CHAP. XXXVI.

Of Antigonus and a Lutenist.

A Lutenist shewed his skill before *Antigonus*, who often saying to him, "Scree the Treble; and again, "Scree up the Tenor: The Lutenist angry said, "The Gods divert such a mischief from you, O King, as for you to be more skilful herein than I am.

CHAP. XXXVII.

How Anaxarchus derided Alexander, who would be esteemed a God.

Anaxarchus, surnamed *Eudamonicus*, laughed at *Alexander* for making himself a God. *Alexander* on a time falling sick, the Physician prescribed a Broth for him. *Anaxarchus* laughing, said, "The hopes of our God are in a Porrenger of Broth.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

Of Alexander, and the Harp of Paris.

Alexander went to *Troy*, and making there

there a curious Scrutiny, one of the *Trojans* came to him, and shewed him the Harp of *Paris*. He said, "I had much rather see that of *Achilles* than this of *Paris*. For he desired to see that which belonged to the excellent Souldier, and to which he sung the praises of great persons. But to that of *Paris*, what were sung but adulterous Airs to take and entice Women?"

CHAP. XXXIX.

Of ridiculous and extravagant affections.

Who can say that these affections were not ridiculous and extravagant? That of *Xerxes*, when he fell in love with a Plane-tree. Likewise a young man at *Athens*, of a good Family, fell desperately in love with the Statue of good Fortune, which stood before the *Pnyteum*. He often would embrace it and kiss it; at last transported with mad desire, he came to the Senate, and desired that he might purchase it at any rate. But not obtaining his suit, he Crowned it with many Garlands and Ribbons, offered Sacrifice, put upon it a very rich Garment, and, after he had shed innumerable tears, killed himself. * * * *

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CHAP. XL

Of the Pilots of the Carthaginian Ships.

The *Carthaginians* appointed two Pilots for every Ship, saying, that it was not fit a Ship should have two Rudders; and he who did chiefly benefit the Passengers, and had command of the Ship, should be desolate and alone without an assistant.

CHAP. XLI.

Of Pausanias and Simonides.

Simonides the *Cean* and *Pausanias* the *Lacedemonian* (they say) were at a Feast together. *Pausanias* bade *Simonides* speak some wise thing. But the *Cean* laughing, said, "Remember you are a Man. At that present *Pausanias* slighted this, and valued it not; siding then with the *Medes*, & proud of the Hospitality which the King shewed him; perhaps also transported with Wine: But when he was in the Temple of *Minerva Chalciaëns*, and struggled with famine, and was ready to die the most miserable of men, he then remembered *Simonides*, and cried out thrice, "O *Cean* Guest, thy speech
"impor-

"imported much, though I ignorantly undervalued it.

CHAP. XLII.

Of Artaxerxes and Darius.

Artaxerxes having put his eldest Son *Darius* to death for conspiring against him; the second, his Father commanding, drew his Scimitar and slew himself before the Palace.

The End.

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Various History.

The Tenth Book.

CHAP. I.

Of Phœrenice admitted to behold the Olympick Games.

Phœrenice brought her Son to contend at the *Olympick Games*: the Judges forbidding her to behold the Spectacle, she went and argued with them, alledging she had a Father who had been Victor at the *Olympicks*, as also three Brothers, and she had now brought a Son to be one of the Contendours. Thus she prevailed with the people, contrary to the Law, which forbids Women the Spectacle, and beheld the *Olympick Games*.

CHAP. II.

Of the Continency of Eubatas.

Lais seeing *Eubatas* the *Cyrenæan*, fell deeply in love with him, and made a proposal of Marriage to him: which he (fearing some treachery from her) promised to do; but forbore her company, and lived continently. It was agreed they should be married as soon as the Games were over. As soon as he had won, that he might not seem to break his contract with her, he caused her Picture to be drawn, and carried it along with him to *Cyrene*, saying he had taken *Lais*, and not broken the Agreement. For which she that should have married him caused a great Statue to be erected for him in *Cyrene*, to requite this Continence.

CHAP. III.

Properties of some Creatures.

Young Partridges, as soon as their feet are at liberty, can run nimbly. Young Ducks, as soon as fledged, swim. And the Whelps of Lions, before they are brought forth, scratch their Dam with their Claws, eager to come into the light.

CHAP.

CHAP. IV.

Of Alexander's quickness in action.

Alexander Son of *Philip* marched in his Arms thrice four hundred furlongs, and before he rested fought the Enemy, and overcame them.

CHAP. V.

Of Tyrants, out of Æsop's Writing.

This is a *Phrygian* saying, for it is *Æsop's* the *Phrygian*. The Sow when any one takes her, makes a great cry, and not without cause, for she hath no Wooll or the like, and therefore presently dreams of death, knowing that so she may benefit those who make use of her. Tyrants are like *Æsop's* Sow, mistrusting and fearing every thing, for they know, as Swine, that their life is owing to every one.

CHAP. VI.

Of Little men.

For *Leanneis* were derided *Sannyrus* the Comick Poet, and *Melitus* the Tragick Poet, and *Cinesias* who made Songs for round

round Dances, and *Philetas* the Poet that wrote Hexameters. *Archestratus* the Prophet, being taken by the Enemy, and put in a pair of Scales, was found to weigh but one *obolus*. *Panaretus* also was very lean, yet lived free from sickness. They report likewise that *Hipponax* the Poet was not onely low of person and deformed, but very slender. Moreover *Philippides*, against whom is extant an Oration of *Hyperides*, was very lean. So that to be of a very spare constitution, they commonly called to be *Philippified*. Witness *Alexis*.

CHAP. VII.

Of some Astronomers, and of the Great Year.

Oenopides the *Chian*, an Astronomer, set up a brass Table at the *Olympicks*, having written thereon the Astronomy of fifty nine years, affirming this to be the Great Year.

Meton the *Laconian*, an Astronomer, erected Pillars on which he inscribed the Tropicks of the Sun, and found out as he said the Great Year, which he affirmed to consist of nineteen years.

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CHAP. VIII.

Of Benefits.

Aristotle the *Cyrenaan* said, that we ought not to receive a Benefit from any; for either you must take pains to requite it, or seem ungrateful if you requite it not.

CHAP. IX.

That *Philoxenus* was a Glutton.

Philoxenus was Gluttonous; and a slave to his Belly. Seeing a Pot boiling in a Cook's Shop, he pleased himself all the while with the smell; at last his appetite increased, and nature prevailed (O Gods, a beastly nature) so that not able to forbear any longer, he commanded his Boy to buy the Pot. Who answering that the Cook valued it at a great rate; he replies, "It will be so much the sweeter, the more I pay for it. Such things ought to be remembered, not that we may imitate, but avoid them."

CHAP. X.

Of the ancient Painters.

When Painting first began, and was as it were in its Infancy, they drew Creatures so rudely, that the Painters were fain to write upon them, This is an Oxe, That a Horse, This a Tree.

CHAP. XI.

Of Diogenes having a pain in his Shoulder.

Diogenes had a pain in his Shoulder by some hurt, as I conceive, or from some other cause: and seeming to be much troubled, one that was present being vexed at him, derided him, saying, "Why then do you not die, *Diogenes*, and free your self from ills?" He answered, "It was fit those persons who knew what was to be done and said in life, (of which sort he professed himself one) should live. Wherefore for you (saith he) who know neither what is fit to be said or done, it is convenient to die; but me, who know these things, it behoveth to live."

CHAP.

CHAP. XII.

An Apophthegm of Archytas concerning Men.

Archytas said, that as it is hard to find a Fish without sharp bones, so is it to find a Man who hath not something of deceit and sharpness.

CHAP. XIII.

That Archilochus defamed himself.

Critias accused *Archilochus* for defaming himself: For (saith he) if he himself had not brought this report of himself into *Greece*, we could never have known either that he was son of *Enipo* a Woman-servant; or that he left *Parus* through want and penury, and came to *Thasus*; how that after he came thither he bore them enmity; nor that he spake ill of friends and foes alike: nor (saith he) had we known that he was an Adulterer, if we had not been told it by himself; nor that he was luxurious and insolent; nor (which was the basest of all) that he threw away his Shield. Wherefore he was no good Witness of himself, leaving so bad a Record behind him. This

is laid to his charge, not by me, but by *Critias*.

CHAP. XIV. *Of Idleness.*

Socrates said that *Idleness* is the Sister of Liberty, alledging in testimony hereof the *Indians* and *Persians*, people most valiant and most free, but as to work most slothful: The *Phrygians* and *Lydians* very laborious, and servile.

CHAP. XV. *Of those who were betrothed to the Daughters of Aristides and Lyfander.*

Some of the most eminent of the *Grecians* betrothed themselves to the Daughters of *Aristides*, whilst he was yet living; but they looked not upon the life of *Aristides*, nor admired his Justice. For if they had been emulators of these, they would not afterward have broken their contract. But as soon as he was dead, they disengaged themselves from the Virgins, because at his death it was known that the Son of *Lyfmachus* was poor, which deterred those miserable men from so worthy (in my opinion) and honourable a Match. The like

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happened to *Lyfander*, for when they knew that he was poor, they shunned his Alliance.

CHAP. XVI. *Of Antisthenes and Diogenes.*

Antisthenes invited many to learn Philosophy of him, but none came. At last, growing angry, he would admit none at all, and therefore bad *Diogenes* be gone also. *Diogenes* continuing to come frequently, he chid and threatened him, and at last struck him with his Staff. *Diogenes* would not goe back, but persisting still in desire of hearing him, said, "Strike if you will, here is my head, you cannot find a Staff hard enough to drive me from you, until you have instructed me. *Antisthenes* overcome with his perseverance, admitted him, and made him his intimate Friend.

CHAP. XVII. *Of those who grew rich by publick Employments.*

Critias saith that *Themistocles* Son of *Neocles*, before he had a publick Command, was Heir to no more then three Talents: But having had a charge in the Commonwealth,

monwealth, and happening afterwards to be banished, his estate being exposed to publick sale, was valued at more then a hundred Talents. Likewise *Cleon*, before he came to be engaged in publick Affairs, had not means enough for a free person; but afterwards left an estate of fifty Talents.

CHAP. XVIII.

Of Syracusan *Daphnis*, and of *Bucolick Verses*.

Some say that *Daphnis* the Neatherd was *Mercurie's* Friend, others, his Son; and that he had this name from an accident: For he was born of a *Nymph*, and as soon as born exposed under a Laurel-tree. The Cows which he kept (they say) were Sisters to those of the Sun, mentioned by *Homer* in the *Odysses*. Whilest *Daphnis* kept Cows in *Sicily*, being very beautiful, a *Nymph* fell in love with him, whom he enjoyed, being in his blooming years, at which time (as *Homer* saith) the gracefulness of Youth appeareth most attractive. They agreed that he should not enjoy any other; but if he transgressed, she threatned him, that it was decreed by fate he should lose his Sight. Hereupon they plighted troth

troth mutually. Afterwards the King's Daughter falling in love with him, he being drunk violated the agreement, and lay with her. This was the first occasion of *Bucolick Verses*, the subject whereof was to bewail the misfortune of *Daphnis*, and the loss of his eyes. *Stesichorus* the *Himeræan* first used this kind of Verse.

CHAP. XIX.

Of *Eurydamus*.

Eurydamus the *Cyrenæan* gained the Victory at the *Castus*: His teeth being beaten out by his Antagonist, he swallowed them down, that his adversary might not perceive it.

CHAP. XX.

Of *Agæfilaus*.

The *Persian* Emperour sent word to *Agæfilaus*, that he would be his friend. *Agæfilaus* returned answer, That he could not be a friend particularly to *Agæfilaus*: but if he were friend to all the *Lacedæmonians*, he must consequently be his also, for he had a share in each of them.

CHAP.

CHAP. XXI.
Of Plato.

Periclitone carried *Plato* in her arms. *Aristo* sacrificing in *Hymettus* to the Muses or the Nymphs, whilst they were performing the divine Rites, she laid *Plato* down among certain thick and shady Myrtle-trees that grew near to the place. A swarm of *Hymettian* Bees lighted about his mouth as he slept, thereby signifying the future sweetness of *Plato's* Tongue.

CHAP. XXII.
Of Dioxippus.

Dioxippus in the presence of *Alexander* and the *Macedonians*, laying hold of a Club, challenged *Corrhagus* a *Macedonian* armed to single combat; and having broken his Spear closed with the man in armour, and casting him down, set his foot upon his neck, and drawing forth the sword that was girt to him, slew the armed man. *Alexander* hated him for this. He perceiving that *Alexander* hated him, died of grief.

The End.

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Various History.

The Eleventh Book.

CHAP. I.

Of *Oricadmus*, and the Art of Wrestling.

Oricadmus gave rules for Wrestling, and invented that manner of Wrestling which is called *Sicilian*.

CHAP. II.

Of the Verses of *Orcebanti*, *Dares* and *Melisander*.

The Poems of *Orcebanti*, the *Træzenian* were before *Homer*, as the *Træzenian* relations affirm. They say also that *Dares* the *Phrygian*, whose *Phrygian* Iliad I know to be yet extant, was before *Homer*. *Melisander*

Lyfander the Milesian writ the Battel betwixt the *Lapithe* and the *Centaurs*.

CHAP. III.

Of Icchus, and Wraſtling.

Icchus the *Tarentine* uſed Wraſtling, and in the time of his exerciſe continued moſt temperate, uſing ſpare diet, and living continually all his time.

CHAP. IV.

Of the Baldneſs of Agathocles.

They ſay that *Agathocles* Tyrant of *Sicily* was Bald-headed even to deriſion; his hair by degrees falling off, he aſhamed made a Myrtle Garland to cover his head and hide the Baldneſs. The *Syracuſians* were not ignorant of his want of Hair, but they took no notice of it, by reaſon of his fierce ſpirit and Tyrannical demeanour.

CHAP. V.

Of ſome perſons unjuſtly condemned for Sacrilege.

Some perſons ſacrificed at *Delphi*; the *Delphians* conſpiring againſt them, privately

ly put conſecrated Monies into the Baskets wherein was their Frankincenſe and Cakes for Sacrifice. Hereupon apprehending them as Sacrilegious perſons, they led them to the top of the Rock, and, according to the *Delphian* Law, threw them down.

CHAP. VI.

Of an Adulterer.

It happened that an Adulterer was taken in *Theſſia*, and as he was led fettered through the Market-place, his friends reſcued him. This occaſioned an Inſurrection, wherein many men were ſlain.

CHAP. VII.

Of Lyſander and Alcibiades.

Eteocles the *Lacedemonian* ſaid that *Sparta* could not ſuffer two *Lyſanders*: And *Archeſtratus* the *Athenian* ſaid that *Athens* could not ſuffer two *Alcibiades*. So intolerable were they both in their Countries.

CHAP. VIII.

Of the death of Hipparchus.

Hipparchus was murdered by *Harmodius* and *Aristogiton*, because he would not suffer the Sister of *Harmodius* to carry the Basket to the Goddess, according to the custom of the Country, in the *Panathenian* Solemnity, she perhaps deserving it.

CHAP. IX.

Of certain excellent persons, Indigent, who would not accept Gifts.

The most excellent persons among the *Greeks* lived in extreme Penury all their lives. Let some then still praise Riches above the best *Grecians*, to whom Penury was allotted as long as they lived. Of those was *Aristides* Son of *Lyfsmachus*, a man of excellent conduct in War, who also imposed tribute on the *Grecians*: Yet this great a person did not leave enough to buy him Funeral ornaments.

Phocion also was very poor, who when *Alexander* sent him a hundred Talents asked, "For what reason doth he give me this?" They answering. Because he could

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receives you to be the only Just and Good person amongst the *Athenians*; he replied, "Then let him suffer me to be such."

Epaminondas also Son of *Polymnis* was poor. When *Facon* sent him five hundred Crowns, "You begin (saith he) to do me wrong. He borrowed of a Citizen five hundred Drachms for the Charges of his Journey to *Peloponnesus*; but hearing that his Squire had got money of a Prisoner, "Give me, saith he, the Shield back, and "purchase for your self a Cook's Shop to "live in: For now you are grown rich, you "will no longer fight.

Pelopidas being reproved by his friends for neglecting Riches, a thing necessary to life; "Yes, by *Fove*, saith he, necessary "for that *Nicomedes* indeed; pointing to one lame and maimed.

Scipio lived fifty four years; and neither bought nor sold any thing, with so little was he contented. One shewing him a Shield richly adorned, he said, "But it behoves a *Roman* to place his hope on his "right hand, not on his left.

Ephialtes Son of *Sophonides* was exceedingly poor: his friends offering to give him ten Talents, he would not accept them, saying, "These will either make me, through

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"respect of you, to doe something unjust-
 "ly in favour; or if I shew no particulr
 "favour or respect to you, I shall seem un-
 "grateful.

CHAP. X. Of Zoilus.

Zoilus the *Amphipolitan*, who wrote against *Homer*, *Plato* and others, was Disciple of *Polycrates*. This *Polycrates* wrote an Accusation against *Socrates*. *Zoilus* was called the Rhetorical Dog; his Character this, He wore a long Beard, he shaved his Head close, his Gown reached not to his knees, his whole employment was to speak ill and sow dissension; this unhappy man was wholly given to Detraction. A learned person asked him why he spoke ill of all: he answered, "Because I would doe them
 "hurt, but cannot.

CHAP. XI. Of Dionysius the Sicilian.

Dionysius the *Sicilian* practised Physick, and did Cures himself, Lancing, Cauterizing, and the like.

CHAP. XII. Of a Marchpane sent by Alcibiades to Socrates.

Alcibiades sent to *Socrates* a large Marchpane fairly wrought. *Xanthippe* angry hereat, after her manner, threw it out of the Basket, and trod upon it: whereat *Socrates* laughing said, "And you then will have no
 "share in it your self.

If any one think that in relating these things I speak Trifles, he knows not that even in such a wise man is proved, despising those things which the Vulgar esteem as the ornament of a Table, and crown of a Feast.

CHAP. XIII. Of one in Sicily very sharp-sighted.

They say there was a *Sicilian* of so sharp Sight, that extending his view from *Lilybaeus* to *Carthage* he erred not: They say he could tell the number of the Ships riding at *Carthage* without missing.

The End.

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Various History.

The Twelfth Book.

CHAP. I.
Of *Aspasia*.

A*spasia* a *Phocian*, Daughter of *Hermotimus*, was brought up an Orphan, her Mother dying in the pains of Child-birth. She was bred up in poverty, but modestly and virtuously. She had many times a Dream which foretold her that she should be married to an excellent person. Whilest she was yet young, she chanced to have a swelling under her chin, loathsome to sight, whereat both the Father and the Maid were much afflicted. Her Father brought her to a Physician: he offered to undertake the Cure for three Staters; the other said he had

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not the Money. The Physician replied, he had then no Physick for him. Hereupon *Aspasia* departed weeping; and holding a Looking-glass on her knee, beheld her face in it, which much increased her grief. Going to rest without Supping, by the reason of the trouble she was in, she had an opportune Dream; a Dove seemed to appear to her as she slept, which being changed to a Woman, said, "Be of good courage, and bid a long farewell to Physicians and their Medicines: Take of the dried Rose of *Venus* Garlands, which being pounded apply to the swelling. After the Maid had understood and made trial of this, the tumor was wholly asswaged; and *Aspasia* recovering her beauty by means of the most beautiful Goddess, did once again appear the fairest amongst her Virgin-companions, enriched with Graces far above any of the rest. Of hair yellow, locks a little curling, she had great eyes, somewhat hawk-nosed, ears short, skin delicate, complexion like Roses; whence the *Phocians*, whilest she was yet a child, called her *Milto*. Her lips were red, teeth whiter then snow, small insteps, such as of those Women whom *Homer* calls *ῥοδονομή*. Her voice sweet and smooth, that whosoever heard her might justly say he

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heard the voice of a *Siren*. She was averſe from Womanish curioſity in dreſſing: Such things are to be ſupplied by wealth. She being poor, and bred up under a poor Father, uſed nothing ſuperfluous or extravagant to advantage her Beauty. On a time *Aspaſia* came to *Cyrus*, Son of *Darius* and *Paryſatis*, Brother of *Artaxerxes*, not willingly nor with the conſent of her Father, but by compulſion, as it often happens upon the taking of Cities, or the violence of Tyrants and their Officers. One of the Officers of *Cyrus* brought her with other Virgins to *Cyrus*, who immediately preferred her before all his Concubines, for ſimplicity of behaviour, and modeſty; whereto alſo contributed her beauty without artifice, and her extraordinary diſcretion, which was ſuch, that *Cyrus* many times asked her advice in affairs, which he never repented to have followed. When *Aspaſia* came firſt to *Cyrus*, it happened that he was newly riſen from Supper, and was going to drink after the *Persian* manner: for after they have done eating, they betake themſelves to Wine, and ſail to their cups freely, encountering Drink as an Adverſary. Whileſt they were in the miſt of their drinking, four *Grecian* Virgins were brought to *Cyrus*, amongſt

amongſt whom was *Aspaſia* the *Phocian*. They were finely attired; three of them had their heads neatly dreſt by their own Women which came along with them, and had painted their faces. They had been alſo inſtructed by their Gouverneſſes how to behave themſelves towards *Cyrus*, to gain his favour; not to turn away when he came to them, not to be coy when he touched them, to permit him to kiſs them, and many other amatory inſtructions practiſed by Women who expoſed their beauty to ſale. Each contended to outvie the other in handſomenefs. Onely *Aspaſia* would not endure to be clothed with a rich Robe, nor to put on a various-coloured Veſt, nor to be waſhed; but calling upon the *Grecian* and *Eleutherian* Gods, ſhe cried out upon her Father's name, execrating herſelf to her Father. She thought the Robe which ſhe ſhould put on was a manifeſt ſign of bondage. At laſt being compelled with blows ſhe put it on, and was neceſſitated to behave herſelf with greater liberty then beſeemed a Virgin. When they came to *Cyrus*, the reſt ſmiled, and expreſſed chearfulneſs in their looks. But *Aspaſia* looking on the ground, her eyes full of tears, did every way expreſs an extraordinary baſhfulneſs. When

he commanded them to sit down by him; the rest instantly obeyed; but the *Phocian* refused, until the Officer caused her to sit down by force. When *Cyrus* looked upon or touched their eyes, cheeks and fingers, the rest freely permitted him; but she would not suffer it: For if *Cyrus* did but offer to touch her, she cried out, saying, he should not go unpunished for such actions. *Cyrus* was herewith extremely pleased; and when upon his offering to touch her breast, she rose up, and would have run away, *Cyrus* much taken with her native ingenuity, which was not like the *Persians*, turning to him that bought them, "This Maid onely, saith he, of those which you have brought me is free and pure, the rest are adulterate in face, but much more in behaviour. Hereupon *Cyrus* loved her above all the Women he ever had. Afterwards there grew a mutual love between them, and their friendship proceeded to such a height that it almost arrived at parity, not differing from the concord and modesty of *Grecian* Marriage. Hereupon the fame of his affection to *Aspasia* was spread to *Ionia* and throughout *Greece*; *Peloponnesus* also was filled with discourses of the love betwixt *Cyrus* and her. The report went even to the great King

King [of *Persia*,] for it was conceived that *Cyrus*, after his acquaintance with her, kept company with no other Woman. From these things *Aspasia* recollected the remembrance of her old Apparition, and of the Dove, and her words, and what the Goddess foretold her. Hence she conceived that she was from the very beginning particularly regarded by her. She therefore offered Sacrifice of thanks to *Venus*. And first caused a great Image of Gold to be erected to her, which she called the Image of *Venus*, and by it placed the picture of a Dove beset with Jewels, and every day implored the favour of the Goddess with Sacrifice and Prayer. She sent to *Hermotimus* her Father many rich Presents, and made him wealthy. She lived continently all her life, as both the *Grecian* and *Persian* Women affirm. On a time a Neck-lace was sent as a Present to *Cyrus* from *Scopas* the younger, which had been sent to *Scopas* out of *Sicily*. The Neck-lace was of extraordinary workmanship, and variety. All therefore to whom *Cyrus* shewed it admiring it, he was much taken with the Jewel, and went immediately to *Aspasia*, it being about noon. Finding her asleep, he lay down gently by her, watching quietly whilst she slept. As soon

soon as she awaked, and saw *Cyrus*, she embraced him after her usual manner. He taking the Neck-lace out of a Boxe, said, "This is worthy either the Daughter or the Mother of a King. To which she assenting; "I will give it you, said he, for your own use, let me see your neck adorned with it. But she received not the Gift, prudently and discreetly answering, "How will *Parysatis* your Mother take it, this being a Gift fit for her that bare you? "Send it to her, *Cyrus*, I will shew you a Neck handsome enough without it, *Aspasia* from the greatness of her minde acted contrary to other Royal Queens, who are excessively desirous of rich Ornaments, *Cyrus* being pleased with this answer, kissed *Aspasia*. All these actions and speeches *Cyrus* writ in a Letter which he sent together with the Chain to his Mother, and *Parysatis* receiving the Present was no less delighted with the News then with the Gold, for which she requited *Aspasia* with great and Royal Gifts; for this pleased her above all things, that though *Aspasia* were chiefly affected by her Son, yet in the love of *Cyrus* she desired to be placed beneath his Mother. *Aspasia* praised the Gifts, but said she had no need of them; (for there was much

much money sent with the Presents) but sent them to *Cyrus*, saying, "To you who maintain many men this may be useful: "For me it is enough that you love me and are my ornament. With these things, as it seemeth, she much astonished *Cyrus*. And indeed the Woman was without dispute admirable for her personal beauty, but much more for the nobleness of her mind. When *Cyrus* was slain in the fight against his Brother, and his Army taken Prisoners, with the rest of the prey she was taken; not falling accidentally into the Enemies hands, but sought for with much diligence by King *Artaxerxes*, for he had heard her fame and vertue. When they brought her bound, he was angry, and cast those that did it into Prison. He commanded that a rich Robe should be given her: which she hearing, intreated with tears and lamentation that she might not put on the Garment the King appointed, for she mourned exceedingly for *Cyrus*. But when she had put it on, she appeared the fairest of all Women, and *Artaxerxes* was immediately surprised and inflamed with love of her. He valued her beyond all the rest of his Women, respecting her infinitely. He endeavoured to ingratiate himself into her favour, hoping

hoping to make her forget *Cyrus*, and to love him no less then she had done his Brother; but it was long before he could compass it. For the affection of *Aspasia* to *Cyrus* had taken so deep impression, that it could not easily be rooted out. Long after this, *Teridates* the Eunuch died, who was the most beautiful youth in *Asia*. He had full surpassed his childhood, and was reckoned among the youths. The King was said to have loved him exceedingly: he was infinitely grieved and troubled at his death, and there was an universal mourning throughout *Asia*, every one endeavouring to gratify the King herein; and none durst venture to come to him and comfort him, for they thought his passion would not admit any consolation. Three daies being past, *Aspasia* taking a mourning Robe as the King was going to the Bath, stood weeping, her eyes cast on the ground. He seeing her, wondred, and demanded the reason of her coming. She said, "I come, O King, to comfort your grief and affliction, if you so please, otherwise I shall goe back." The *Persian* pleased with this care, commanded that she should retire to her Chamber, and wait his coming. As soon as he returned, he put the Vest of the Eunuch upon *Aspasia*,

Aspasia, which did in a manner fit her: And by this means her beauty appeared with greater splendour to the King's eye, who much affected the youth. And being once pleased herewith, he desired her to come alwaies to him in that dress, until the height of his grief were allayed: which to please him she did. Thus more then all his other Women, or his own Son and Kindred, the comforted *Artaxerxes*, and relieved his sorrow; the King being pleased with her care, and prudently admitting her consolation.

CHAP. II. Of the Muses.

No Statuary or Painter did ever represent the Daughters of *Jupiter* armed. This signifies that the life which is devoted to the *Muses* ought to be peaceable and meek.

CHAP. III. Of Epaminondas, and Daiphantus, and Iolaidas.

Epaminondas having received a mortal wound at *Mantineæ*, and being brought (yet alive) to the Tents, called for *Daiphantus*, that he might declare him General. When they

they told him that he was slain, he called to *Iolaidas*. When they said that he also was dead, he counselled them to make peace and friendship with their Enemies, because the *Thebans* had no longer any General.

CHAP. IV.

Of Sesostris.

The *Egyptians* say that *Sesostris* received learning and counsel from *Mercury*.

CHAP. V.

Of *Lais*.

Lais the *Curtezan* was called (as *Aristophanes* the *Byzantine* reports) *Axine*, [] which surname impleads the Cruelty of her disposition.

CHAP. VI.

Of the Parents of *Marius* and *Cato*.

They deserve to be laughed at who are proud of their Ancestors, since among the *Romans* we know not the Father of *Marius*, yet admire him for his parts. To know the Father of *Cato* the elder would require much scrutiny.

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CHAP. VII.

Of Alexander and *Hephæstion*.

Alexander Crowned the Tomb of *Achilles*, and *Hephæstion* that of *Patroclus*; signifying that he was as dear to *Alexander* as *Patroclus* to *Achilles*.

CHAP. VIII.

Of the Treachery of *Cleomenes* to *Archonides*.

Cleomenes the *Lacedemonian* taking to him *Archonides* one of his friends, made him partaker of his design; whereupon he swore to him that if he accomplished it he would do all things by his head. Being possessed of the Government, he killed his Friend, and cutting off his Head put it into a Vessel of Honey. And whensoever he went to do any thing, he stooped down to the Vessel, and said what he intended to do; affirming that he had not broken his promise, nor was forsworn, for he advised with the Head of *Archonides*.

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CHAP. IX.

How Timesias forsook his Country voluntarily.

Timesias the *Clazomenian* governed the *Clazomenians* uprightly; for he was a good man: but Envy, which useth to oppugn such persons, assaulted him also. At first he little valued the Envy of the common people, but at last forsook his Countrey upon this occasion. On a time he passed by the School just as the Boyes were dismissed of their Master to play. Two boyes fell out about a Line. One of them swore, "So may I break the head of *Timesias*." Hearing this, and imagining that he was much envied and hated of the Citizens, and that if the boyes hated him, the men did much more, he voluntarily forsook his Country.

CHAP. X.

That the Æginetæ first coyned Money.

The *Æginetæ* were once most powerful amongst the *Greeks*, having a great advantage and opportunity; for they had a great command at Sea, and were very powerful. They also behaved themselves valiantly in the

the *Persian* Warre, whereby they gained the chief prize of valour. Moreover, they first stamped Money, and from them it was called *Æginæan* Money.

CHAP. XI.

Of the Pallantian Hill, and of the Temple and Altar dedicated to Feaver.

The *Romans* erected a Temple and Altar to *Feaver* under the *Pallantian* Hill.

CHAP. XII.

Of an Adulterer apprehended in Crete.

An Adulterer being apprehended at *Gortyne* in *Crete*, was brought to Trial, and being convicted, was crowned with Wooll. This kind of crowning argued that he was humanly, effeminate, studious to please Women. He was by the general vote fined fifty Staters, degraded from honour, and made incapable of publick Office.

CHAP. XIII.

How Gnathæna the Curtizan silenced a great Talker.

A Lover came from *Hellepont* to *Gnathæna*

then the Athenian Curtizah, invited by her fame. He talked much in his drink, and was impertinent. *Gnaethus* hereupon interposing, said, "Did not you affirm you came from *Hellepont*? He assenting, "And how then, saith she, happens it that you know not the chief City there? He asking which that was, she answered, *Sigæum*. By which name she ingeniously silenced him.

CHAP. XIV.

Of persons excellent in Beauty.

They say that the most amiable and beautiful amongst the Greeks was *Alcibiades*, amongst the Romans, *Scipio*. It is reported also that *Demetrius Poliorcetes* contended in Beauty. They affirm likewise that *Alexander* Son of *Philip* was of a neglected handsonness: For his Hair curled naturally, and was yellow; yet they say there was something stern in his countenance. *Homer* speaking of handsome persons, compares them to Trees,

—be shoots up like a Plant.

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CHAP. XV.
Of certain excellent persons who delighted to play with Children.

They say that *Hercules* alleviated the trouble of his Labours by play. The Son of *Jupiter* and *Alcmena* sported much with Children, which *Euripides* hints to us, making the God say,

I play to intermit my Toils:

As he speaks holding a Child. And *Socrates* was one time surprised by *Alcibiades*, playing with *Lamprocles*, as yet a Child.

Agesslaus bestriding a Reed, rid with his Child, and to one that laughed at him, said, "At this time hold your peace; when you shall be a Father your self, then you may give counsel to Fathers. Moreover *Pythagoras* the *Tarentine*, a great States-man and Philosopher, having many servants, took much delight in their Children, and played with them, chiefly delighting to sport with them at Feasts.

CHAP. XVI.

Persons whom Alexander hated for their Vertue.

Alexander hated *Perdiccas* because he was Martial; *Lyfimachus*, because he was excellent in commanding an Army; *Selenus*, because he was Valiant. The Liberality of *Antigonus* displeased him; the Conduct of *Attalus*, the Fortune of *Ptolemee*.

CHAP. XVII.

Of Demetrius going to the House of a Curtizan.

Demetrius, Lord over so many Nations, went to the House of *Lamia* a Curtizan in his Armour, and wearing his Diadem. To have sent for her home had been very dishonourable, [much more was it that] he went amorously to her. I preferre *Theodorus* the Player on the Flute before *Demetrius*; for *Lamia* invited *Theodorus*, but he contemned her invitation.

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CHAP. XVIII.

That Phaon was beautiful.

Phaon, being the most beautiful of all men, was by *Venus* hid among Lettices. Another saies he was a Ferry-man, and exercised that employment. On a time *Venus* came to him, desiring to pass over: he received her courteously, not knowing who she was, and with much care conveyed her whither she desired; for which the Goddess gave him an Alabaster Box of Ointment, which *Phaon* using, became the most beautiful of men, and the Wives of the *Misyleneans* fell in love with him. At last being taken in Adultery he was killed.

CHAP. XIX.

Of Sappho.

Sappho the Poetress, Daughter of *Scamandronymus*, is (by *Plato* Son of *Aristo*) reckoned among the Sages. I am informed that there was another *Sappho* in *Lesbus*, a Curtizan, not a Poetress.

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CHAP. XX.

Of the Nightingale and Swallow.

Hesiod saith that the Nightingale above all Birds cares not for sleep, but wakes continually; and that the Swallow wakes not alwaies, but half the night onely. This punishment they suffer for the horrid action committed in *Thrace* at the abominable Supper.

CHAP. XXI.

Of the Lacedemonian Women.

The *Lacedemonian* Matrons, as many as heard that their Sons were slain in fight, went themselves to look upon the wounds they had received before and behind: and if of the wounds they had received the greater number were before, triumphing and looking proudly, they attended their Sons to the Sepulchres of their Parents; but if they received wounds otherwise, they were ashamed and lamented, and hastened away as privately as they could, leaving the dead to be buried in the common Sepulchre, or caused them to be brought away secretly, and buried at home.

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CHAP. XXII.

Of the Strength of Titormus and Milo, and of a certain Proverb.

They say that *Milo* the *Crotonian*, proud of his Strength, happened to meet *Titormus* a Neatherd; and seeing that *Titormus* was of an extraordinary bigness, would make a trial of strength with him. *Titormus* pleaded that he was not very strong; but going down to *Eucnus*, and putting off his Garment, he laid hold of an extraordinary great stone, and first drew it to him, then thrust it from him; this he did two or three times: After which he lifted it up to his knees; and lastly, lifting it up upon his shoulders, carried it eight paces, and then threw it down. But *Milo* the *Crotonian* could hardly stirre the stone. The second trial of *Titormus* was this; He went to his Herd; and standing in the midst of them, took hold of the greatest Bull amongst them by the leg, who endeavoured to get away, but could not. Another passing by, he catch'd him by the leg with the other hand, and held him also. *Milo* beholding this, & stretching forth his hands to heaven, said, "O *Jupiter*, hast thou not begotten

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"another *Hercules* ? Whence they say came this Proverb, "He is another *Hercules*."

CHAP. XXIII.

Of the Boldness of the Celtae.

I am informed that the *Celtae* are of all men most addicted to engage themselves in dangers. Such persons as die gallantly in fight, they make the subjects of Songs. They fight crowned, and erect Trophies, triumphing in their actions, and leaving Monuments of their valour, after the *Greek* manner. They esteem it so dishonourable to flee, that many times they will not goe out of their Houses when they are falling or burning, though they see themselves surrounded with fire. Many also oppose themselves to Inundations of the Sea. There are also who taking their Arms fall upon the waves, and resist their force with naked Swords, and brandishing their Lances, as if able to terrifie or wound them.

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CHAP. XXIV.

Of the luxurious Diet and Gluttony of Smindyrides.

They say that *Smindyrides* the *Sybarite* was so Luxurious in Diet, that when he went to *Sicyon*, as a suitor to *Agarista* Daughter of *Clisthenes*, he carried with him a thousand Cooks, and as many Fowlers, and a thousand Fishermen.

CHAP. XXV.

Many who improv'd and benefitted the most excellent persons.

Ulysses was improv'd by *Alcinous*, *Achilles* by *Chiron*, *Patroclus* by *Achilles*, *Agamemnon* by *Nestor*, *Telemachus* by *Menelaus*, and *Hector* by *Polydamas*; the *Trojans*, as far as they followed him, by *Antenor*; the *Pythagorean* Disciples by *Pythagoras*, the *Democriteans* by *Democritus*. If the *Athenians* had followed *Socrates*, they had been every way happy and skilful in Philosophy. *Hiero* Son of *Dinomenes* was delighted in *Simonides* the *Cean*, *Polycrates* in *Anacreon*, *Proxenus* in *Xenophon*, *Antigenus* in *Zeno*. And to mention

tion those also who concern me no less than the *Greeks*, inasmuch as I am a *Roman*; *Lucullus* profited by *Antiochus* the *Ascalonite*, *Mecenas* by *Arius*, *Cicero* by *Apollodorus*, *Augustus* by *Athenodorus*. But *Plato*, who far exceeded me in wisdom, saith that *Jupiter* himself had a Counsellor; but whom and how, we learn from him.

CHAP. XXVI.

Of some persons addicted to Wine.

Persons, as 'tis said, most addicted to Drink were *Xenagoras* the *Rhodian*, whom they called * *Amphoreus*, and *Heracles* the *Wraffler*, and *Proteas* the Son of *Lanica*, who was brought up with *Alexander* the King; even *Alexander* himself is said to have drunk more than any man.

CHAP. XXVII.

That Hercules was mild towards his Adversaries.

They say that *Hercules* was extraordinary mild towards his Adversaries, for he is the first we know of who without any mediation freely gave back the bodies of the dead to be buried, the slain being at those times

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neglected, and left to be a feast for Dogs, for, as *Homer* saith,

He made them unto Dogs a prey;

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A feast to Dogs they were.—

CHAP. XXVIII.

Of the Leocorium at Athens.

The *Leocorium* so call'd at *Athens* was a Temple of the Daughters of *Leos*, *Praxithea*, *Theope*, and *Eubule*. These, as is reported, were put to death for the City of *Athens*, *Leos* delivering them up according to the *Delphian* Oracle, which said, that the City could be no other way preserved than by putting them to death.

CHAP. XXIX.

What Plato said of the Excess of the Agrigentine.

Plato Son of *Aristo*, seeing that the *Agrigentine* built magnificently and feasted highly, said, that the *Agrigentine* build as if they were to live for ever, and feast as if they were to live no longer. *Timaeus* affirms that the Vessels in which they put their

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their Oil and their Rubbers were of Silver, and that they had Beds all of Ivory.

CHAP. XXX.

Of the Drunkenness of the Tarentines, and the Luxury of the Cyrenæans.

The *Tarentines* used to fall a-drinking as soon as they rose, and to be drunk by that time the people met in the *Forum*. The *Cyrenæans* arrived at so great a height of Luxury, that when they invited *Plato* to be their Law-giver, he would not vouchsafe it, as they say, by reason of their habitual dissoluteness. *Eupolis* also mentioneth in his Comedy entituled *Maricas*, that the meanest of them had Seals of the value of ten *Mine*. Their Rings also were graven to admiration.

CHAP. XXXI.

Of several kinds of Greek Wines.

I will reckon to you the names of *Greek* Wines much esteemed by the Ancients. One sort they call'd *Pramnian*, which was sacred to *Ceres*; another *Chian*, from the Island; another *Thasian* and *Lesbian*: besides these, there was one sort called *Glycys*,
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Sweet, the Name agreeing with the Taste; another *Cretan*, and at *Syracuse* a sort named *Polian*, from a King of the Country. They drunk also *Coan* Wine, and so called it, as also *Rhodian*, from the place.

Are not these Demonstrations of the *Greek* Luxury? They mix'd Perfumes with their Wine, and so drank it by a forced Composition, which Wine was called *Myrrhinites*. *Philippides* the Comick Poet mentions it.

CHAP. XXXII.

Of the Vests and Shoes of Pythagoras, Empedocles, Hippias, and Gorgias.

Pythagoras the *Samian* wore a white Vest, and a golden Crown and Drawers; *Empedocles* the *Agrigentine* used a Sea-green Vest, and Shoes of Brass. *Hippias* and *Gorgias*, as is reported, went abroad in Purple Vests.

CHAP. XXXIII.

That the Romans would not allow the Treachery of Pyrrhus his Physician.

They say that *Nicias*, Physician to *Pyrrhus*, writ privately to the *Roman* Senate,
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and demanded a summe of Money for which he would undertake to poison *Pyrrhus*; but they accepted not his offer (for the *Romans* know how to overcome by Valour, not by Art and Treachery to circumvent their Enemies,) but discovered the Design of *Nicias* to *Pyrrhus*.

CHAP. XXXIV.

Of the Loves of Pausanias, and of Apelles.

Many Affections among the Ancients are remembred, these not the least. *Pausanias* loved his Wife extraordinarily; *Apelles* the Concubine of *Alexander*, by name *Pancaste*, by Country a *Larissæan*. She is said to be the first whom *Alexander* ever enjoyed.

CHAP. XXXV.

Of the Perianders, Miltiades, Sibylls, and the Bacides.

There were two *Perianders*, the one a Philosopher, the other a Tyrant: Three *Miltiades*; one who built *Chersonesus*, another the Son of *Cypsellus*, the third a Son of *Cimon*: Four *Sibylls*; the *Erythraean*, the *Samian*, the *Egyptian*, and the *Sardinian*.

dian. Others add six more, making them in all ten; among which they reckon the *Cumaean* and the *Jewish*. There were three *Bacides*; one of *Hellas*, another of *Athens*, the third of *Arcadia*.

CHAP. XXXVI.

Of the number of the Children of Niobe.

The Ancients seem not to agree with one another concerning the number of the Children of *Niobe*. *Homer* saith there were six Sons and as many Daughters; *Lasus* twice seven; *Hesiod* nineteen; if those Verses are *Hesiod's*, and not rather, as many others, falsely ascribed to him. *Aloman* reckons them ten; *Minnermus* twenty, and *Pindar* as many.

CHAP. XXXVII.

Of the want of Victual to which Alexander was reduced; and that some Towns were taken by Smoke.

Alexander in pursuit of *Bessus* was reduced to extreme want of Victual, inasmuch that they were forc'd to feed on their Camels, and other Beasts of Carriage; and, being destitute of Wood, did eat the flesh raw.

raw. But much *Silphium* growing there, it did much avail them towards the digesting their Diet.

In *Bactriana* the Souldiers took several Towns, conjecturing by the Smoke that they were inhabited, taking away the Snow from their doors.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

Of the Horses, and some Customes of the Sacæ.

The Horses of the *Sacæ* have this quality, that if one of them casts his Rider, he stands still till he gets up again. If any of them intends to marry a Virgin, he fights with her; and if she gets the better, she carries him away Captive, and commands and has dominion over him. They fight for victory, not to death. The *Sacæ*, when they mourn, hide themselves in caves and shady places.

CHAP. XXXIX.

Of the Boldness of Perdiccas, and of the Lioness.

Perdiccas the *Macedonian*, who fought under *Alexander*, was so bold, that one time he went alone into a Cave where

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Lioness had whelped, and seized not on the Lioness, but brought away her Whelps: for which action he deserved to be much admired. The Lioness is believed to be the most strong and most courageous of all Creatures, not only by *Grecians*, but by the *Barbarians* also. They say that *Semiramis* the *Assyrian* [Queen] was very proud, not if she took a Lion, or kill'd a Leopard, or the like Beasts, but if she overcame a Lioness.

CHAP. XL.

Of the Provisions which followed Xerxes.

Amongst the Provisions full of magnificence and ostentation which were carried after *Xerxes*, was some water of the River *Choaspes*. When they wanted drink in a desert place, and had nothing to allay their thirst, Proclamation was made in the Army, that if any one had some Water of *Choaspes*, he should give it to the King to drink. There was found one who had a little, and that putrid; *Xerxes* drank it, and esteemed the giver as his Benefactor; for he should have died of thirst if this had not been found;

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CHAP. XLI.

Of Protogenes the Painter.

Protogenes the Painter, as is said, bestowed seven years in drawing *Ialyfus*, at last perfected the Piece: which *Apelles* seeing, at first stood mute, struck with admiration of the wonderful sight; then looking off from it, said, "Great is the work and the workman; but the grace is not equal to the pains bestowed upon it; which if this man could have given it, the work would have reached to Heaven.

CHAP. XLII.

Of certain Men who were suckled by Beasts.

It is said that a Bitch gave suck to *Cyrus*, Son of *Mandane*; a Hind to *Telephus*; Son to *Agave* and *Hercules*; a Mare to *Pelias*, Son of *Neptune* and *Tyros*; a Bear to *Parus*, Son of *Alope* and *Priam*; a Goat to *Agisthus*, Son of *Thyestes* and *Pelopias*.

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CHAP. XLIII.

Certain persons who of obscure became very eminent.

I am informed that *Darius* Son of *Hystaspes* was Quiver-bearer to *Cyrus*: The last *Darius*, who was vanquished by *Alexander*, was the Son of a Woman-slave: *Archelaus* King of the *Macedonians* was Son of *Simicha*, a Woman-slave: *Meneleus* Grandfather of *Philip* was registred among the Bastards; his Son *Amyntas* was servant to *Aerope*, and believ'd to be a Slave: *Perseus*, whom *Paulus* the Roman conquer'd, was by Country *Argive*, the Son of some obscure person: *Eumenes* is believed to have been Son of a poor man, a Piper at Funerals: *Antigonus*, Son of *Philip*, who had but one eye, whence surnamed *Cyclops*, was Servant to *Polyperchus* and a Robber: *Themistocles*, who overcame the *Barbarians* at Sea, and who alone understood the meaning of the Oracle of the Gods, was Son of a *Thracian* Woman; his Mother was called *Abrotonos*: *Photion*, surnamed the Good, had for Father a poor Mechanick. They say that *Demetrius Phalerens* was a Household-servant belonging to the

the Families of *Timotheus* and *Conon*. Though *Hyperbolus*, *Cleophon* and *Demades* were chief men in the Commonwealth of the *Athenians*, yet no man can easily say who were their Fathers. In *Lacedemonia*, *Callicratidas*, *Gylippus* and *Lyfander* were called *Mothaces*, a name proper to the Servants of rich men, whom they sent along with their Sons to the places of exercise to be educated with them. *Lycurgus*, who instituted this, granted, that such of them as continued in the discipline of the Young men should be free of the *Lacedemonian* Commonwealth. The Father of *Epaminondas* was an obscure person. *Cleon* Tyrant of the *Sicyonians* was a Pirate.

CHAP. XLIV.

Of those who lived a long time in the Quarries of Sicily.

The Quarries of *Sicily* were near the surface of the ground, in length a Furlong, in breadth two Acres; there were in them some men who lived so long there, as to be Married and have children, and some of their children never saw the City, so that when they went to *Syracuse*, and beheld Horses in Chariots, they ran away crying out, be-
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ing much affrighted. The fairest of those Caves did bear the name of *Philoxenus* the Poet, in which they say he dwelt when he composed his *Cyclops*, the best of his Poems, not valuing the punishment imposed upon him by *Dionysius*; but in that calamity he exercised Poetry.

CHAP. XLV.

Of Midas, Plato, and Pindar, their infancy.

The *Phrygian* Stories say thus; Whilest *Midas* the *Phrygian*, yet an infant, lay asleep, Ants crept into his mouth, and with much industry and pain brought thither some Corn. These wrought a Honey-comb in the mouth of *Plato*. Likewise *Pindar* being exposed from his Father's house, Bees became his Nurses, and gave him Honey instead of Milk.

CHAP. XLVI.

Of a Sign which portended that Dionysius should be King.

They say that *Dionysius*, Son of *Hermocrates*, crossing a River on Horse-back, his Horse stuck in the Mire; he leaped off, and

gained the Bank, going away, and giving his Horse for lost. But the Horse following, and Neighing after him, he went back, and as he was laying hold of his Main to get up, a swarm of Bees settled on his hand. To *Dionysius* consulting what this portended, the * *Galeota* answered, that this signified Monarchy.

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CHAP. XLVII.

Of Aristomache Wife of Dio.

Dionysius banished *Dio* out of *Sicily*, but his Wife *Aristomache* and his Son by her he kept in custody: Afterwards he gave the Woman in Marriage against her will to *Polycrates* one of his Guard, in whom he most confided. He was by birth a *Syracusan*. When *Dio* took *Syracusa*, and *Dionysius* fled to the *Locrians*, *Arste* Sister of *Dio* saluted him; but *Aristomache* followed aloof off through shame being veiled, and not daring to salute him as her Husband, because by constraint she had not kept the Matrimonial contract: but after *Arste* had pleaded for her, and declared the violence used to her by *Dionysius*, *Dio* received his Wife and his Son, and sent them to his own House.

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CHAP. XLVIII.
Of Homer's Poems.

The *Indians* sing the Verses of *Homer* translated into their own Language; and not only they, but the *Persian Kings* also, if we may believe those who relate it.

CHAP. XLIX.

That Phocion forgave Injuries.

Phocion, Son of *Phocus*, who had been often General, was condemned to die; and being in Prison ready to drink Hemlock, when the Executioner gave him the Cup, his Kinsmen asked him if he would say any thing to his Son. He answered, "I charge him that he bear no ill will to the *Athenians* for this Cup which I now drink. He who does not extol and admire the man, is, in my judgement, of little understanding."

CHAP. L.

Of the Lacedæmonians not addicting themselves to Learning.

The *Lacedæmonians* were ignorant of Learning, they studied only Exercise and

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Arms; if at any time they needed the help of Learning, either in Sickneſs or Madneſs, or ſome other publick Calamity, they ſent for Foreigners, as Phyſicians; according to the Oracle of *Apollo*, they ſent for *Terpanter*, and *Thales*, and *Tyrtaus*, *Nymphæus* the *Siddonite*, and *Alcman*, for he was a Player on the Flute. *Thucydides* implies that they were nothing addicted to Learning, in that which he delivers concerning *Brasidas*, for he ſaith that he was no good Orator, as being a *Lacedæmonian*; as if he had ſaid, he was wholly illiterate.

CHAP. LI.

Of the Pride of *Meneceates*, and how *Philip* derided him.

Meneceates the Phyſician grew ſo extremely proud, that he called himſelf *Jupiter*. On a time he ſent a Letter to *Philip* King of the *Macedonians* on this manner; "To *Philip*, *Meneceates Jupiter* ſend to do: *Philip* writ back, " *Philip* to *Meneceates*, Health; I adviſe you to betake your ſelf to the places about *Anticyra*: hereby implying that the man was mad.

On a time *Philip* made a magnificent Feaſt, and invited him to it, and commanded

ded a Bed to be prepared apart for him alone; and when he was laid down, a Center was brought before him, and they burnt Incenſe to him. The reſt feaſted highly, and the Entertainment was magnificent. *Meneceates* held out a while, and rejoiced in the honour: but ſoon after hunger came upon him, and convinced him that he was a man, and fooliſh. He aroſe and went away, ſaying he was affronted; *Philip* having moſt ingeniouſly diſcovered his folly.

CHAP. LI.

To what kind of perſons *Iſocrates* compared *Athens*.

Iſocrates the Orator ſaid of *Athens*, that it reſembled *Curtézans*: All that were taken with their beauty deſired to enjoy them, but none would ſo much undervalue himſelf as to marry them. So *Athens* was pleaſant to travel to, and excelled all the reſt of *Greece*, but not ſecure to live in. He reflected on the many *Sycophants* there, and the danger from thoſe who affected popularity.

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CHAP. LIII.

Of several occasions of great Wars.

I am not ignorant that the greatest Wars have sprung from very slight occasions. They say that the *Persian* [War] began upon the falling out of *Maander* the *Samian* with the *Ashenians*; The *Peloponnesian* War from a Tablet [or Picture] of the *Megareans*; The War which was called *Sacred*, for the exacting the Mulets adjudged by the *Amphictyones*; The War at *Cheronea* from the dispute between *Philip* and the *Athenians*, they not willing to accept of the place by way of Gift [but of Restitution.]

CHAP. LIV.

How Aristotle endeavoured to appease Alexander's Anger.

Aristotle willing to appease *Alexander's* Anger, and to quiet him being much incensed, wrote thus to him; "Rage and Anger is not towards Equals, but towards Superiours; but to you no man is Equal.

Aristotle advising *Alexander* in such things as were fit to be done, did benefit many

many persons; by this means he re-edified his own City, which had been razed by *Philip*.

CHAP. LV.

Of those who among the Libyans were slain by Elephants, either in Hunting or in War.

Those who were slain by Elephants either in Hunting or in War, the *Libyans* bury honourably, and sing certain Hymns. The subject of the Hymns is this; That they were brave persons that durst oppose such a Beast: adding, That an honourable death was a Monument to the buried.

CHAP. LVI.

What Diogenes said of the Megareans.

Diogenes the *Sinopean* said many things in the reproof of the ignorance and want of discipline of the *Megareans*, and would rather chuse to be a Ram belonging to a *Megarean*, then his Son. He implied that the *Megareans* had great care of their Flocks, but none of their Children.

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CHAP. LVII.

Of the Prodigies which appeared to the Thebans, when Alexander brought his Forces against their City.

When *Alexander* Son of *Philip* brought his Forces against *Thebes*, the Gods sent them many Signs and Prodigies, fore-shewing misfortunes greater then ever had happened; (but they, thinking that *Alexander* died in *Illyria*, gave out many reproachful speeches against him.) For the Lake in *Onchestus* made a dreadful and continual noise, like the bellowing of a Bull. The Fountain which floweth by *Ismenus* and the Walls thereof, named *Dirce*, which ever until that time had run with clear and sweet Water, was then unexpectedly full of blood. The *Thebans* believed that the Gods threatened the *Macedonians*. In the Temple of *Ceres*, within the City, a Spider made her Web over the face of the Image, working there as she useth to doe. The Image of *Minerva*, surnamed *Alalcomeneis*, was burnt of it self, no fire being put to it: and divers other things.

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CHAP. LVIII.

Of Dioxippus.

Dioxippus the *Athenian*, an Olympick Victor in Wrestling, was brought [^{* in a} ^{* Plutarch.} ^{de curios.} *Chariot*] into *Athens*, according to the custome of Wrestlers. The multitude flocked together, and crowded to behold him. Amongst these a Woman of extraordinary beauty came to see the Shew. *Dioxippus* beholding her, was immediately overcome with her beauty, and looked fixedly upon her, and turned his head back, often changing colour, whereby he was plainly detected by the People to be taken extraordinarily with the Woman. But *Diogenes* the *Sinopean* did chiefly reprehend his passion thus; A Gold & Tablet of *Corinthian* ^{* Representing the Triumph.} Work being set to sale, "Behold, said he, "your great Wrestler his neck writhed about by a Girl."

CHAP. LIX.

Of Truth and Beneficence.

Pythagoras said that these two most excellent things are given by the Gods to Men; To speak Truth, and to doe Good
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[to others:] He added, that each of these resembled the actions of the Gods.

CHAP. LX.

Of Dionysius and Philip.

On a time *Dionysius* the Second and *Philip* Son of *Amyntas* conversed together. Besides many other discourses which (as is probable) happened between them, was this; *Philip* asked *Dionysius* how it came to pass, that having so great a Kingdom left him by his Father, he did not keep it. He answered not improperly, "My Father indeed left me all the rest, but the Fortune by which he obtained and kept them, he did not leave me.

CHAP. LXI.

Of honour given to the Wind Boreas.

Dionysius set out a Fleet against the *Thurians*, consisting of three hundred Ships full of armed Men: But *Boreas* blowing contrary, broke the Vessels, and destroyed all his Sea-Forces. Hereupon the *Thurians* sacrificed to *Boreas*, and by a publick Decree made the Wind free of their City, and allotted him an House and Estate; and every

every year performed sacred Rites to him. Therefore not the *Athenians* onely declared him their Patron, but the *Thurians* also registred him their Benefactor. *Pausanias* saith that the *Megalopolites* did so likewise.

CHAP. LXII.

A Persian Law concerning those who give the King Advice.

This was also a *Persian Law*; If any one would give advice to the King in difficult and ambiguous Affairs, he stood upon a golden Brick; and if it was conceived that his advice was good, he took the Brick in reward of his counsel, but was scourged for contradicting the King. To a free person, in my judgement, the reward did not countervalue the dishonour.

CHAP. LXIII.

Of Archedice a Courtezan.

One fell in love with *Archedice* a Courtezan at *Naugrafa*; but she was proud and covetous, and demanded a great price; which having received, she complied a little with the giver, and then cast him off. The young man who loved her, yet could not obtain

obtain her, because he was not very rich, dreamed that he embraced her, and was immediately quit of his affection.

CHAP. LXIV. Of Alexander dead.

Alexander, Son of *Philip* and *Olympia*, ending his daies at *Babylon*, lay there dead, who had said that he was the Son of *Jupiter*. And whilst they who were about him contested for the Kingdome, he remained without Burial, which the poorest persons enjoy, common Nature requiring that the dead should be interred; but he was left thirty daies unburied, until *Aristander* the *Telmisian*, either through Divine instinct, or some other motive; came into the midst of the *Macedonians*, and said to them, "That *Alexander* was the most fortunate King of all Ages, both living and dead; and that the Gods had told him, that the Land which should receive the Body in which his Soul first dwelt, should be absolutely happy and unvanquishable for ever. Hearing this, there arose a great emulation amongst them, every one desiring to send this Carriage to his own Country, that he might have this Rarity the Pledge of a firm undeclinable Kingdome. But

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Ptolemee, if we may credit Report, * stole * So Freinsb. away the Body, and with all speed conveyed it to the City of *Alexander* in *Egypt*. The rest of the *Macedonians* were quiet, onely *Perdiccas* pursued him; not so much moved by love of *Alexander*, or pious care of the dead Body, as enflamed by the predictions of *Aristander*. As soon as he overtook *Ptolemee* there was a very sharp Fight about the dead Body, in a manner akin to that which happened concerning the Image [of *Hellen*] in *Tray*, celebrated by *Homer*, who saith that *Apollo* in defence of *Aeneas* engaged amidst the Heroes; for *Ptolemee* having made an Image like to *Alexander* clothed it with the Royal Robe, and with noble Funeral Ornaments, then placing it in one of the *Persian* Chariots, adorned the Bier magnificently with Silver, Gold, and Ivory; but the true Body of *Alexander* he sent meanly ordered by obscure and private waies. *Pardiccas* seizing the Image of the dead man, and the richly-adorned Chariot, gave over the pursuit, thinking he had gained the prize. But too late he found that he was couzened, for he had not got that at which he aimed.

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Various History.

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CHAP. I.
Of Atalanta.

THE *Arcadian* relation concerning *Atalanta* Daughter of *Fasion* is this; Her Father exposed her as soon as born, for he said he had not need of Daughters but Sons. But he to whom she was given to be exposed did not kill her; but going into the Mountain *Parthenius* laid her down by a Spring, where there was a Rock with a Cave, over which there was a place full of Oaks; thus the Infant was destined to death, but not deserted by Fortune: For soon after a she-Bear robbed by Huntsmen of her Whelps, her Udder swoln and oppress'd with fulness of Milk,

Milk, came by a certain divine providence, taking delight in the Child gave it suck; whereby at once the Beast eased her own pain, and nourished the Infant; and came again, being oppress'd with Milk; and being no longer Mother of her own, became Nurse to one that nothing belonged to her. The same Huntsmen who before had taken her Whelps watch'd her, and searching every part of the Thicket, when the Bear according to her custome was gone to the Pastures to get food, stole away *Atalanta*, not yet so called (for they gave her that name afterwards) and she was bred up amongst them with wild food: And by degrees her stature encreased with her years, and she affected Virginitie, and shunned the conversation of men, and delighted in the desert, making choice of the highest of the *Arcadian* Mountains, where was a Valley well furnished with water and tall Oaks, as also fresh gales and a thick wood. Why should it seem tedious to hear the description of *Atalanta's* Cave, more then that of *Calypso* in *Homer*? In the hollow of the cliff there was a Cave very deep fortified at the entrance with a great precipice, along it crept Ivy, and twined about the young trees, upon which it climbed. Saffron also

grew about the place in a young thick Grove, with which also sprung up the Hyacinths, and many other flowers of various colours, which not onely feasted the eye, but the odours which they exhaled round about into the air, did afford a banquet also to the smell. Likewise there were many Laurels, which being ever verdant were very delightful to the sight; Vines also growing thick and full of Bunches before the Cave, attested the industry of *Atalanta*, Springs ever running clear and cool to the touch and tast flowed there abundantly. These contributed much benefit to the Trees we speak of, watering them and enlivening them continually. In fine, the place was full of beauty and majesty, such as argued the prudence of the Virgin.

The skins of Beasts were *Atalanta's* bed, their flesh her food, her drink water. She wore a careless Vest, such as *Diana* not disdain'd. For she said that she imitated her as well in this as in determining to live always a Virgin. She was exceeding swift of foot, so that not any Beast could run away from her, nor any man that layed wait for her, was able (if she would run away) to overtake her. She was beloved, not onely of all those who saw her, but also of those

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who heard the report of her. If therefore it be not tedious we will describe her person. But tedious it cannot be, since hereby we may arrive at some degree of skill in Rhetorick. Whilest she was yet a child, she exceeded in stature those who were Women grown; for Beauty she went beyond all other of the *Peloponnesian* Virgins of that time. Her look was masculine and fierce, occasioned partly by eating the flesh of wild Beasts, (for she was very courageous) partly by her exercise on the Mountains. She had nothing of an effeminate loose disposition, neither did she come out of the *Thalamus*, [where Virgins are educated] nor was one of those who are brought up by Mothers or Nurses. She was not corpulent; for by Hunting and other Exercise she preserved herself in a good Constitution. Her Hair was Yellow, not by any Womanish Art or Die, but by Nature. Her Face was of a ruddy Complexion, somewhat tanned by the Sun. What Flower is so beautiful as the countenance of a modest Virgin? She had two admirable properties, an irresistible Beauty, and an awfulness. No timid person could fall in love with her, for such durst not look upon her, so much did her splendour daze the beholders. That which cau-

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fed her to be admired, besides other things, was her reservedness. For she exposed not her self to view, unless accidentally in following the chase, or defending herself from some man; in which action she broke forth like lightning, then immediately hid herself in the thickest of the wood. On a time it happened that two bold young-men of the neighbouring Country, Centaurs, *Hylæus* and *Rhecus*, in love with her, came in a frolick to her. They had no players on the Flute in this frolick, nor such things as the young men use in Cities upon the like occasion, but took with them lighted Torches, the sight whereof might have frightened a multitude, much more a lone Maiden. Then breaking boughs from the Pine trees, they twined them about them, and made themselves Garlands of them, and with continual clashing of Weapons as they went along the Mountains, set fire on the Trees in their way to her, presenting her with injuries instead of Nuptial Gifts. She was aware of their Plot, for she beheld the fire from her Cave, and knowing who those revellers were, was nothing terrified with the sight: but drawing her Bow, and letting fly an Arrow, chanced to kill the first, who falling down, the other assaulted her,

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not in mirth, but as an Enemy to revenge his friend and satisfy his passion. But he met with another vindictive Arrow from her hand. Thus much of *Atalanta* Daughter of *Fasion*.

CHAP. II.

How Macareus was punished for Cruelty.

A *Mitylenean*, by name *Macareus*, Priest of *Bacchus*, was of a mild and good look, but the most impious of all men. A stranger coming to him, & giving him a great summe of money to lay up, in the inner part of the Temple; *Macareus* digging a hole, hid the Gold in the ground. Afterwards the stranger returning, demanded his Money; he leading him in as if he meant to restore it murdered him, digging up the Gold buried the man in the place, thinking that what he did was hid as well from God as from men; but it proved otherwise, for not long after, within a few daies came the triennial solemnity. Whilest he was busied in celebrating the Rites of *Bacchus* in much state, his two Sons that were left at home, imitating their Father's sacrificing, went to his Altar, where the brands were yet burning.

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CHAP. III.

Of the Monument of Belus, and the unfortunate sign which happened to Xerxes there.

Xerxes Son of Darius, breaking up the Monu-

Monument of ancient *Belus*, found an Urn of glass in which his dead body lay in Oil; but the Urn was not full, it wanted a hand-breadth of the top: Next the Urn there was a little Pillar, on which it was written, "That whosoever should open the Sepulchre; and not fill up the Urn, should have ill fortune. Which *Xerxes* reading, grew afraid, and commanded that they should pour Oil into it with all speed; notwithstanding, it was not filled: Then he commanded to pour into it the second time, but neither did it increase at all thereby; so that at last failing of success, he gave over; and shutting up the Monument departed very sad. Nor did the event foretold by the Pillar deceive him; for he had an Army of fifty Myriads against *Greece*, where he received a great defeat, and returning home, died miserably, being murdered in his bed by his own Son, in the night time.

CHAP. IV.

Of Euripides drunk at a Feast.

King *Archelaus* made a great entertainment for his friends. And when they fell to drink, *Euripides* took off unmixt Wine so freely,

freely, that by degrees he became drunk. Then embracing *Agathon* the Tragick Poet, who lay on the couch next him, he kissed him; who was at that time forty years of age. *Archelans* asking him whether he seemed amiable at those years, "Yes," said he, "of the beautiful not the Spring onely, but even the Autumn also is fair."

CHAP. V. Of *Lains*.

They say that *Lains* fell in love with *Chrysippus* Son of *Pelops*. **

CHAP. VI. The properties of Arcadian, Thatian, and Achæan Wines.

At *Hæra* in *Arcadia*, I am informed there are Vines from which is made Wine, which bereaveth men of the use of reason, and maketh the *Arcadians* mad, but causeth fruitfulness in the Women.

It is said that in *Thasus* there are two sorts of Wines; one being drunk procureth sleep, profound, and consequently sweet; the other is an enemy to life, and causeth wakefulness and disturbance.

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In *Acha* about *Ceraunia* there is a kind of Wine, which causeth Women to miscarry.

CHAP. VII. Of the taking of Thebes by Alexander, and of Pindar.

When *Alexander* took *Thebes*, he sold all the Free-men except Priests. And those who had formerly entertained his Father as their Guest, he set at liberty (for *Philip*, when a child lived there in Hostage) and such as were a-kin to them. He also respected those who were descended from *Pindar*; and permitted his house onely to stand. He slew of the *Thebans* ninety thousand; the Captives were thirty thousand.

CHAP. VIII. Of *Lyfander*.

They say that *Lyfander* the *Lacedemonian* living in *Ionia*, and rejecting the Laws of *Lycurgus* as burthenfome, led a luxurious life.

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CHAP. IX.
Of Lamia.

Lamia the *Attick* Curtezan said, "The
" Lions of *Greece* coming to *Ephesus* be-
come Foxes,

CHAP. X.
Of *Dionysius* marrying two Wives in
one day.

In one day *Dionysius* married two Wives,
Doris the *Locrian*, and *Aristaneta* Daugh-
ter of *Hipparinus*, Sister of *Dio*, and bedded
them by turns: One accompanied him in
the Army, the other entertained him when
he came home.

CHAP. XI.
Of the conquest over the Persians, and
of *Isocrates*.

It was related to me that *Isocrates* the
Orator was occasion of the conquest of the
Persians, whom the *Macedonians* subdued.
For the same of the Panegyrick Oration
which *Isocrates* made to the *Grecians*,
coming to *Macedonia*, first excited *Philip*
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against *Asia*, and he dying, it also instigated
Alexander his Son and heir to prosecute the
design of his Father.

CHAP. XII.
How *Meton* freed himself from an ex-
pedition; and of the madness of *Ulysses*.

Meton the Astronomer, when the *Athe-
nian* Souldiers were upon an expedition
against *Sicily*, was registred amongst them
in the Catalogue. But clearly foreseeing
the future disasters, he through fear shun-
ned the Voyage, endeavouring to be quit
of the expedition. But when that nothing
availed, he counterfeited madness, and a-
mongst other things, to procure a belief of
his infirmity, fired his own house which
was next the *Pacile*. Hereupon the Ar-
chons dismissed him, and in my opinion,
Meton much better counterfeited madness
then *Ulysses* the *Ithacian*; for *Palamedes*
discovered him, but none of the *Atheni-
ans* *Meton*.

CHAP. XIII.
Of the Munificence of *Ptolemee*.

They say that *Ptolemee* Son of *Lagus*
took greatest delight in making his friends
rich;

rich; for he said, "'Tis better to enrich
"others; then be rich our selves.

CHAP. XIV.

Of the Verses and Poetry of Homer.

The Ancients sung the Verses of *Homer*, divided into several parts, to which they gave particular names; as the Fight at the Ships, and the *Dolonia*, and the Victory of *Agamemnon*, and the Catalogue of the Ships. Moreover the *Patroclea*, and the *Lytra*, [or redemption of *Hector's* Body] and the Games instituted for *Patroclus*, and the breach of Vows. Thus much of the *Iliads*. As concerning the other, [the *Odysseus*] the actions at *Pytus*, and the actions at *Lacedemon*, and the Cave of *Calypso*, and the Boat, the Discourses of *Alcinous*, the *Cyclopias*, the *Necua* and the washings of *Circe*, the death of the *Woers*, the actions in the Field, and concerning *Laertes*.

But long after *Lycurgus* the *Lacedemonian* brought all *Homer's* Poetry first into *Greece* from *Ionia* whether he travelled. Last of all *Pisistratus* compiling them, formed the *Iliads* and *Odysseis*.

CHAP.

CHAP. XV.

Of some persons extraordinary foolish.

The Comick Poets say that one *Polydorus*, had a very gross understanding, and a skin scarce penetrable: also that there was another by name *Cacilian*, who, through excessive folly endeavoured to number the Waves. There is a report that there was one *Sannyrion* like these, who fought Ladder-rounds in a glass. They say also that *Coræbus* and *Melittides* were very blockish.

CHAP. XVI.

Of the Apolloniats and of their Country, and of Epidamnus.

The *Apolloniats* inhabit a City next *Epidamnus* in the *Ionian* Gulf: In the places next them, there is a vein of Brimstone, which springeth out of the ground as fountains cast up water. Not farre off there is shewed a continual fire. The Hill which burneth is but little, reacheth not farre, and hath but a small circumference, but smelleth of Sulphur and Alum. About it there are many Trees green and flourishing, nothing injured by the neighbouring fire,

fire, either as to the shooting out young ones, or to their own growth. The fire burns night and day, and never intermitted, as the *Apolloniats* affirm, until the War which they waged with the *Illyrians*.

The *Apolloniats*, according to the *Lacedemonian* Law prohibited foreigners. But the *Epidamnians* allowed any one that would to come and live amongst them.

CHAP. XVII.

A Proverb, and of Phrynichus.

Phrynichus feareth a swarm of Wasps like a Cock. It is proverbially said of persons that are worsted; for Phrynichus the Tragick Poet acting the taking of *Miletus*, the *Athenians* with weeping made him quit the Stage, afraid and daunted.

CHAP. XVIII.

Of Dionysius.

Dionysius Tyrant of *Sicily*, affected and commended Tragedy, and made Tragedies: but he was averse from Comedy, for he loved not laughter.

CHAP.

CHAP. XIX.

What Cleomenes said of Homer and Hesiod.

Cleomenes said Laconically according to the manner of his Country, that *Homer* was the Poet of the *Lacedemonians*, declaring how men should fight; but *Hesiod* of the Slaves, declaring how men should till ground.

CHAP. XX.

Of one who died chearfully through willingness to see some of the dead.

A *Megalipolite* of *Arcadia*, named *Cercidas*, dying, said to his friends that he parted with his life willingly, for that he hoped to converse with *Pythagoras* of the Wife; with *Hecataeus* of the Historians; with *Olympus* of the Musicians; and with *Homer* of the Poets, and as soon as he had said this, died.

CHAP. XXI.

Of Phrygian Harmony.

If at *Celene* any one play on the Flute Before the skin of the *Phrygian* [*Marsyas*],
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the skin moves, but if any tune or Hymne of *Apollo*, it stirs not.

CHAP. XXII.

Of the Temple and Statue of *Homer*.

Ptolemæus Philopator having built a Temple to *Homer*, erected a fair Image of him, and placed about the Image those *Oracles* which contended for *Homer*. *Galates* the Painter drew *Homer* vomiting, and the rest of the Poets gathering it up.

CHAP. XXIII.

Of *Lycurgus* the *Lacedæmonian*.

Lycurgus the *Lacedæmonian*, Son of *Enomachus*, willing to teach the *Lacedæmonians* Justice, was not duly required. For one of his eyes were put out by *Alexander*, as some think by a stone cast from an ambuscament, or as others, by a Blow with a stick. This is said to those who aim at one thing and receive another. *Ephorus* saith that he died of hunger in banishment.

CHAP.

CHAP. XXIV.

Of some who have been harmed by Laws, which they themselves made.

Lycurgus the *Orator* made a Law, that Women should not goe in Chariots at the festival solemnities call'd the *Mysteries*, and that she who did so should be fined at his pleasure. The first that transgressed this Law was his own Wife, who being convicted, payed the fine.

Pericles also made a Law, that none should be a free *Athenian*, but he whose Parents were both *Athenians*. Afterwards *Pericles*, losing his legitimate Children, had onely one natural Son left him. It is manifest that he designed one thing, and that the contrary befell him.

Clisthenes the *Athenian* first brought in way of banishment by *Ostracism*, and first felt the punishment of it. *Calpurnius*, the Law-giver of the *Lacedæmonians* ordained, that whosoever was taken in Adultery should lose both his eyes. It fell out contrary to his expectation, for his Son being surprized in Adultery, was to suffer the punishment decreed by his Father. Hereupon left what was confirmed by ge-

neral Votes should be violated, he suffered one of his own eyes to be put out, and one of his Sons, that the young man might not be quite blind.

CHAP. XXV.

Of Pindar in a contest worsted by Corinna.

*Pindar the Poet contending at Thebes, lighting upon ignorant Auditors, was worsted by Corinna five times. * * **

CHAP. XXVI.

How Diogenes in extreme indigence comforted himself.

Diogenes the Sinopean was left alone deserted by all men, not being able by reason of his indigence to entertain any man, nor would any one entertain him, all avoiding him because of his sower way of reprehension, and because he was morose in all his actions and sayings. Hereupon he became troubled, and did feed on the tops of leaves; for this food was ready for him. But a Mouse coming thither, fed upon some crumbs of Bread which she found scattered there; which *Diogenes* diligently observing,

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smiled; and becoming more chearful and pleasant to himself said; "This Mouse requires not the plentiful diet of the *Arb-nians*, and art thou *Diogenes* troubled that thou dost not feast with them? By this means he acquired tranquillity to himself.

CHAP. XXVII.

Of Socrates.

It is reported that *Socrates* was very temperate and continent, insomuch that when the *Athenians* part died, the rest were sick almost to death, *Socrates* alone escaped the disease. Now he whose body was so well tempered, what an excellent soul must he have!

CHAP. XXVIII.

Of the Servant of Diogenes torn in pieces by Dogs.

When *Diogenes* left his Country, one of his Servants followed him, who not brooking his conversation run away. Some persuading *Diogenes* to make enquiry after him, he said; "Is it not a shame that *Manes* should not need *Diogenes*, and that *Diogenes* should need *Manes*? But this Servant wandring to *Delfos*, was torn in pieces

den by Dogs, paying to his Masters name [Cynick] the punishment of his running away.

CHAP. XXIX.

Of Hope.

Plato said, That Hope is the Dream of men that are awake.

CHAP. XXX.

Of Olympias grieving for Alexander's death, and want of burial.

Olympias, Mother of *Alexander*, understanding that her Son lay long unburied, grieving and lamenting exceedingly, said, "O Son, thou wouldest have had a share in Heaven, and didst endeavour it eagerly, now thou canst not enjoy that which is equally common to all men, earth and burial. Thus she, bewailing her own misfortune, and reproving the pride of her Son.

CHAP. XXXI.

That Xenocrates was Compassionate.

Xenocrates the *Chalcedonian* was not only kind to men, but often to irrational creatures also. On a time a Sparrow, pursued

by a Hawk, flew to his bosome, he took it, much pleased, and hid it till the Enemy was out of sight; and when he thought it was out of fear and danger, opening his bosome, he let it goe, saying, that he had not betrayed a suppliant.

CHAP. XXXII.

How Socrates refelled the boasting of a Curtizan.

Xenophon relates that *Socrates* disputed with *Theodota* a Curtizan, a Woman of extraordinary beauty. He also argued with *Calisto*, who said, "I (O Son of *Sophroniscus*) exceed you, for you cannot draw away any of my followers, but I can whensoever I please draw away all yours. He answered, "Very likely, for you draw them down a precipice, but I drive them to virtue, which is a steep and difficult ascent.

CHAP. XXXIII.

Of the fortune of Rhodopis a Curtizan.

The *Egyptians* relations affirm that *Rhodopis* was a most beautiful Curtizan; and that on a time as she was bathing her self, *Fortune*, who loveth to doe extravagant

and unexpected things, gave her a reward; suitable, not to her mind, but her beauty. For whilst she was washing, and her Maids look'd to her clothes, an Eagle stooping down, snatched up one of her Shoes, and carried it away to *Memphis*, where *Psammetichus* was sitting in Judgement, and let the Shoe fall into his lap. *Psammetichus* wondering at the shape of the Shoe, and neatness of the work, and the action of the Bird, sent throughout *Egypt* to find out the Woman to whom the Shoe belonged; and having found her out, married her.

CHAP. XXXIV. Of Dionysius.

Dionysius having given order that *Leon* should be put to death, did three times bid the Officers carry him away, and three times changed his mind. Every time that he sent for him back he kissed him, weeping, and execrating himself for that when he took the Sword to put him to death, he was overcome with fear. At last he commanded him to be slain, saying, "*Leon*, you must not live.

CHAP.

CHAP. XXXV.
Of the natural remedies the *Hare*, being not well, useth.

Naturalists affirm that the *Hare*, when he would purge himself, eateth the Herb *Seselis*; and being bitten by *Phagangies*, he eats Crabs.

CHAP. XXXVI.
Of the death of *Eurydice*, Daughter of *Philip*.

Olympias to *Eurydice*, Daughter of *Philip* by an *Illyrian* Wife, sent Hemlock, a Rope and a Sword, but she made choice of the Rope.

CHAP. XXXVII.
Of *Gelo*, and those who conspired against him.

Gelo Tyrant of the *Syracusians*, behaved himself in the Government very mildly, yet some seditious persons conspired against him; which *Gelo* understanding, convocaed all the *Syracusians*, and coming amongst them armed, declared what good things he had

had done for them, and revealed the Conspiracy. Then putting off his Armour, he ~~spoke them all~~ ^{showed them all} ~~Behold me now in my~~ Coat, I stand unarmed before you, and give "my self up to be disposed as you will. The ~~Syracusan~~ admitting his Courage, delivered the Conspirators into his hands, and gave the Regal power again to him. But *Gelo* remitted them to the people to be punished. Hereupon the *Syracusians* erected his Statue in a Coat ungirt, [unarmed] in memory of his Oration to the people; and for the instruction of those should reign after him.

CHAP. XXVIII.

Of Alcibiades.

Alcibiades admired *Homer* exceedingly. On a time coming to a School of Boyes, he asked for the Rhapsody of the *Iliads*. The Schoolmaster answering, that he had nothing of *Homer*, he gave him a found boxe on the ear, and went away, shewing that he was ignorant himself, and made his Scholars such.

The same person being sent for by the *Athenians* out of *Sicily* to answer a capital indictment, refused to appear, saying,

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"It is a foolish thing for a man that is distressed, if he can escape, to go to a place whence he cannot escape. One saying to him, "Will you not trust your cause to your own Country?" "No, saith he, not to my own Master; for I should fear lest through ignorance or mistake of the truth, he should cast in a black stone instead of a white. Hearing then that he was sentenced to death by the Citizens. But we will shew, said he, that we are alive: and going speedily to the *Lacedemonians*, he set on foot the *Decelias War* against the *Athenians*.

He said, that it was nothing strange the *Lacedemonians* died fearless in War; for so they escaped the severity of their Laws, and cheerfully exchanged labours for death.

He used to say of his own actions, that he led the life of the *Dioscours*, dying one day and reviving the next: for whilst he was favoured of the people, he was thought equal to the Gods, but losing their favour, he differed nothing from the dead.

CHAP. XXXI.

Of Ephialtes.

Ephialtes, a certain Commander reproaching

ching him for Poverty, said, "Why doe
"you not adde the other thing, That I am
"Just."

CHAP. XL.

Of Themistocles.

A golden *Persian* Chain lying by chance
on the ground, *Themistocles* standing by;
said to a servant, "Boy, why dost thou not
"take up this Foundling, pointing to the
"Chain; for thou art not *Themistocles*."

The *Athenians* having on a time disho-
noured him, afterwards invited him to the
Generallship. But he said, "I commend not
"those men who make use of the same Vef-
"fel for the meanest, & for the best Offices.

To *Eurybiades* he had said something
unpleasing, who thereupon held up his staff.
But he, strike so you hear; for he knew
what he was about to say was advantageous
for the Commonwealth.

CHAP. XLI.

Of Phocion.

They who are to die with *Phocion* ma-
king lamentation; *Phocion* said, "Then
you are not proud, o *Thudippus*, of dying
"with *Phocion*."

CHAP.

CHAP. XLII.

Of Epaminondas.

Epaminondas, returning from *Lacede-
monia*, was arraigned for a capital offence,
for having continued the office of *Bastarch*
four Months longer then the Law allowed.
He bad his partners lay the blame on him;
as if they had been compelled thereto against
their wills. Then coming into the Court,
he said that he had not any arguments bet-
ter then his actions, which if they approved
not, he required that they would put him
to death. But withall, that they should
write upon a Pillar, that *Epaminondas* had
forced the *Thebans* against their wills to lay
Laconia waste, what had continued five hun-
dred years unviolated by Enemies. And to
restore *Messenia*, which had been three hun-
dred and thirty years possessed by the *Spar-
tans*. And that he had made the *Acadians*
their Allies, and restored to the *Greeks* their
liberty. The Judges reverencing him for
these things, acquitted him. At his going
out of the Court, a little *Melitan* Dogge
fawned upon him; whereupon he said to
the standers-by, "This thanks me grate-
"fully for the good I have done it, but the
"The-

"Thebans, to whom I have often done
"good, arraigned me for my life.

CHAP. XLIII.

Of Timotheus.

Timotheus General of the *Athenians*, as reported to have been very successful, he said that Fortune was the cause of all chiefs, but *Timotheus* of none. Hereupon the Painters, abusing him, drew him sleeping in a Bed, and over his head stood Fortune drawing Cupes into a Net, and *himself* being asked, with what in his whole life he was most pleased, answered, "To see the whole Theatre at the *Olympick* Games our eyes upon me as I passed in on the *stadium*."

CHAP. XLIV.

Of the emulation betwixt Themistocles and Aristides.

Themistocles, and *Aristides* Son of *Lysimachus*, had the same Governors, they were thus brought up together, and taught by one Master, but whether for Boyes, they were always at variance; and this emulation continued from their childhood, to extreme old age.

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CHAP. XLV. I

Of the Cruelty of Dionysius.

Dionysius [the younger] put his Mother to death by Poison. His Brother *Leptines*, whom in a Sea-fight he might have saved, he suffered to be slain.

CHAP. XLVI.

Of the Gratitude of a Dragon.

Patra is a City in *Achaia*. A Boy there had bought a young Dragon, and brought it up with care, and when it was grown bigger, used to talk to it as to one that understood him, and played and sport with it. At last the Dragon growing to an extraordinary bigness, the Citizens turned it loose into the wilderness. Afterwards the Boy being grown a youth, returning from some Show with other youths, his Compositions, standing by the way, and crying out, beholding the Dragon came and saw them; which thing some few others, but not the Boy, perceived.

The End.

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The Fourteenth Book.

CHAP. I.

How Aristotle stood affected as to love of glory.

Aristotle Son of Nicomachus, a person that really was, as well as esteemed wise. When one took away from him the honours decreed to him at Delphi, writing hereupon to Antipater, said, "As to those things that were decreed for me at Delphi, and of which I am now deprived, I am so affected, as that I neither much care for them, nor care nothing for them. This he said, not through love of glory; neither can I accuse Aristotle (who was so great a person) thereof. But he wisely considered that

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that there was a great deal of difference betwixt not receiving an honour, and after having received it, to be deprived of it. For it is no great trouble not to obtain it, but a great vexation having obtained it, afterwards to be bereaved of it.

CHAP. II.

Of Agesilaus, and the Barbarians breaking their Oaths.

Agesilaus used to commend the Barbarians who broke their Oaths, because, by perjury they made the Gods their Enemies; but Friends and Assistants to him.

CHAP. III.

Of Prodigality.

Timotheus inveighing bitterly against Aristophanes for being prodigal, said, "To whom nothing is sufficient, nothing is dishonest."

CHAP. IV.

Of Aristides dying of the biting of a Weazel.

Aristides the Locrian being bit by a Tartessian Weazel, and dying, said, That it would

would have pleased him much better to have died by the biting of a Lion or Leopard, (since he must have died by something) then by such a Beast. He brooked in my opinion the ignomy of the biting much worse then the death it self.

CHAP. V.

What persons the Athenians chose for Government.

The *Athenians* conferred Offices Civil and Military, not onely on native Citizens, but also often preferred strangers before Citizens, and put them in authority over the Commonwealth, if they knew them to be truly good and honest men, and proper for such things. They often created *Apolodorus* the *Cyzicene* their General, though a stranger, so likewise *Heraclides* the *Clazomenian*; for having behaved themselves worthily, they were esteemed not unworthy to govern the *Athenians*. And for this thing the City is to be commended, which betrayed not truth to gratifie the Citizens, but not seldome bestowed the chief dignity even on those who were nothing allied to them, yet in regard of their vertue most worthy of honour.

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CHAP. VI.

Aristippus his opinion concerning cheerfulness.

Aristippus by strong Arguments advised that we should not be solicitous about things past or future, arguing, that not to be troubled at such things, is a sign of a constant clear spirit. He also advised to take care onely for the present day, and in that day, onely of the present part thereof, wherein something was done or thought; for he said, the present only is in our power, not the past or future; the one being gone, the other uncertain whether ever it will come.

CHAP. VII.

A Lacedemonian Law concerning the Complexion and Constitution of the Body, and such as are too Fat.

There is a *Lacedemonian* Law which saith thus; That no *Lacedemonian* shall be of an unmanly Complexion, or of greater weight then is fit for the Exercises; for this seemeth to argue Laziness, that, Effeminacy. It was likewise ordered by Law, that every tenth day the young men should

shew themselves naked before the *Ephori*, If they were of a solid strong Constitution, and molded as it were for Exercise, they were commended; but if any Limb were found to be soft and tender by reason of farness accrued by idleness, they were beaten and punished. Moreover the *Ephori* took particular care every day that their Garments should be looked into, that they should be no otherwise then exact and fit to the Body. The Cooks at *Lacedemon* might not dress any thing but flesh. He who was skilled in any other kind of Cookery was cast out of *Sparta*. *Nauclicles* Son of *Polybiades*, for being grown too fat and heavy through luxury and idleness, they took out of the publick Assembly, and threatened to punish him by banishment, unless he alter that blameable and rather *Ionick* then *Laconick* course of life. For his shape and habit of body was a shame to *Lacedemon* and our Laws.

CHAP. VIII.

How Polycletus and Hippomachus argued the common people of Ignorance.

Polycletus made two Images at the same time; one at the pleasure of the people, the other

other according to the rule of Art. He gratified the common people in this manner; As often as any one came in, he altered the Picture as he would have it, following his direction. He exposed them both together to publick view, one was admired by all, the other laughed at. Hereupon *Polycletus* said, "Yet this which you find fault with, & you your selves made, this which you admire, I

Hippomachus a Player on the Flute, when one of his Scholars missed in playing, yet was nevertheless commended by the standers by, struck him with a stick, saying, "You played false, otherwise these would not have commended you."

CHAP. IX.

Of the Patience of Xenocrates.

Xenocrates the *Chalcedonian*, being reproved by *Plato* for his want of gratefulness, was nothing angry thereat, as is reported, but prudently silenced one who pressed him to answer *Plato*, saying, This benefits me.

CHAP. X.

How Phocion retorted upon Demades.

The Athenians preferred Demades to be their General before Phocion, who being thus advanced grew high in his own esteem, and coming to Phocion, "Lend me, said he, that fordid Cloak which you used to wear in your Generalship. He answered, "You will never want any thing that is fordid, whilest you continue what you are,

CHAP. XI.

How a King ought to behave himself towards his Subjects.

Philiscus on a time said to Alexander, Study glory, yet be not a Pestilence or great Sickneß, but Peace and Health: Affirming that to govern tyrannically and severely, and to take Cities and depopulate Countries is a Pestilence; but to consult the preservation of Subjects, is Health; these are the benefits of Peace.

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CHAP. XII.

How the Persian King employed himself whilest he travelled.

The Persian King whilest he travelled had (to divert the tediousness of his Journey) a little Rick, which they call *Philyrium*, and a knife to cut it. Thus were the Kings hands employed. They never had any Books, wherein they might read of something great, memorable, and worthy of Discourse.

CHAP. XIII.

Of the Tragedies of Agatho.

Agatho used many *Antistheses*. Whereupon a person that would have corrected his Writings, told him, that all those should be put out of his Play. He answered, "But you observed not, excellent Sir, that by this means you blot Agatho quite out of Agatho. So much was he pleased with these, and thought these Tragedies upheld by them.

CHAP. XIV.

Of Stratonicus a Lutenist.

A certain person received *Stratonicus* the Lutenist very civilly. He was much pleased with the invitation; for he had not any friend to entertain him, being come into a strange Countrey. Hereupon he returned great thanks to the man, who so readily had received him under his Roof. But when he saw another come in, and after him another, and perceived that he had made his House free for all that would come; "Let us get away," *Boy*, saith he to his Servant, "for we have got a Wood-pigeon instead of a Dove; we have not lighted upon a Friends House, but upon an Inne."

CHAP. XV.

Of the Discourses of Socrates.

It is a saying that the Discourses of *Socrates* are like the Pictures of *Pauson*. For *Pauson* the Painter being desired to make the Picture of a Horse tumbling on his back, drew him running. And when he who had bespoke the Picture, was angry that he had not drawn it according to his directions,

the Painter said, "Turn, it the other way, and the Horse which now runneth, will then roll upon his back. So *Socrates* did not discourse downright, but as his discourses were turned, they appeared very right. For he was unwilling to gain the hatred of those to whom he discoursed, and for that reason delivered things enigmatically and obliquely."

CHAP. XVI.

Of the ambition of Hipponicus.

Hipponicus Son of *Callias* would erect a Statue as a Gift to his Countrey. One advised him that the Statue should be made by *Polycletus*. He answered, "I will not have such a Statue, the glory whereof will redound not to the Giver, but to the Carver. For it is certain that all who see the Art, will admire *Polycletus*, and not me."

CHAP. XVII.

Of Archelaus, and of the Pictures of

Zeuxis. *Socrates* said that *Archelaus* had bestowed forty *Mina* upon his House, having hired *Zeuxis* the *Heracleote* to adorn it with Pictures,

Pictures, but upon himself nothing. For what cause many came from farre out of curiosity to see the House, but none came to *Macedonia* for the sake of *Archelaus* himself, unless he allured and invited any by money; with which a vertuous person is not taken.

CHAP. XVIII.

How one that was angry threatned to punish his Servant.

A *Chian* being angry with his Servant, "I, saith he, will not put you into the Mill, but will carry you to *Olympia*. He thought, it seems, that it was a farre greater punishment to be spectator of the *Olympick* Game, in the excessive heat of the Sun, then to be put to work in a Mill.

CHAP. XIX.

Of the Modesty of Archytas in speaking.

Archytas was very Modest, as in all other things, so in speech, avoiding all obscenity of Language. There happened a necessity of speaking something unseemly, he held his peace, and wrote it on a Wall, shewing that what he was forced to speak, though forced, he would not speak.

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CHAP. XX.

Of a ridiculous Story.

A *Sybarite* a Pedagogue (which kind of people were addicted to luxury as well as the rest of the *Sybarites*;) when a Boy that went along with him found a Fig by the way, and took it up, chid him for so doing; but most ridiculously took it away from the Boy, and eat it himself. When I read this in the *Sybaritic* Histories, I laughed, and committed it to memory, not envying others the pleasure of laughing at it too.

CHAP. XXI.

Of the Poet Syagrus.

There was a Poet named *Syagrus*, after *Orpheus* and *Museus*, who is said first to have sung the *Trojan* War, daring to undertake this which was the greatest subject.

CHAP. XXII.

Of a Tyrant forbidding his Subjects to talk together.

Fryxas a Tyrant, that he might prevent Conspiracies and Treasons against him,

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commanded the inhabitants that they should not speak together, neither in publick or private; which thing was most grievous and intolerable. Hereupon they eluded the Tyrant's command, and signified their minds to one another by actions of the eyes, of the hand, and of the head. Sometimes they beheld one another with a melancholly brow, sometimes with a serene and cheerful. But from the looks of every one it was evident, that they brooked ill their oppressed intolerable condition. And this also troubled the Tyrant who conceived that even their silence by various gestures and looks, contrived some ill against him. Wherefore he prohibited even this likewise by Law. Hereupon one of them, much troubled at this disconsolate manner of life, and instigated with a desire of dissolving the Tranny, went into the Market-place, where standing he wept bitterly; the people came and stood all round about him, bursting also into tears. The news hereof was brought to the Tyrant, that they used not any signs, but wept grievously; who making heart to prohibit this also, and not onely to enslave their Tongues and Gestures, but even to debarre their Eyes of natural freedom, he went forth with his Guard to prohibit their

their weeping. But as soon as ever they saw him, they snatched weapons out of the hands of his Guard, and killed the Tyrant.

CHAP. XXIII.
Of Clinias and of Achilles, who used to repress anger by Musick.

Clinias was a vertuous person, as to his opinion, a Pythagorean. He whensoever he grew angry, and perceived his mind ready to be transported with passion, immediately before anger took absolute possession of him, tuned his Lute and played upon it. To those who asked him the reason, he answered, "It allayeth my anger.

Achilles, also in the *Iliad*, singing to the Lute, and commemorating in Song the glories of former persons, seems to me to have thereby asswaged his indignation; and being Musically given, the first thing of the spoils which he seized, was a Lute.

CHAP. XXIV.
Of some persons who have nothing valued Money in regard of their Countrymen. And of some who slew their Creditors.

Of those who despised Money, and declared

red their own greatness of mind, seeing that whilst they themselves abounded with wealth, their Countrymen were oppress'd with extreme poverty were, at *Corinth Theocles* and *Thrasonides*; at *Mitylene, Praxin*. These also advised others to relieve such as lay under great want. But the rest refusing, they released such Debts as were due to themselves, and thereby received great advantage, not as to Wealth but the Mind. For they whose Debts were not forgiven rose up in Arms against their Creditours, and excited by rage, invincible poverty, and necessity, slew them.

CHAP. XXV.

How one persuaded a State to concord.

On a time the *Chians* were exceedingly at variance among themselves, and generally infected with that disease. Hereupon, one amongst them, who was naturally a lover of his Country, said to those of his friends, who would that all of the adverse party should be cast out of the City, "By no means, said he, but when we have obtained the Victory, let us leave some of them, lest hereafter wanting Adversaries, we should War with one another. By which

which words he appeased them, it seeming to all that he spoke discreetly.

CHAP. XXVI.

Of Antagoras railing at Arcefilaus.

Antagoras the Poet meeting *Arcefilaus* the Philosopher in the *Forum*, rail'd at him. But he with an unmoved courage went to that place where he saw there were most men, and discours'd with them, that the Railer might make a publick discovery of his folly. They hearing *Antagoras*, turned away from him, blaming him as mad.

CHAP. XXVII.

Of Agefilaus.

I commend those above all who suppress rising ills, and cut them off before they grow to a head. *Agefilaus* advised that they should be arraigned and put to death, who had made a Conspiracy privately by night to assault the *Thebans*.

CHAP. XXVIII.

Of Pytheas an Oratour.

One reproched *Pytheas* an Oratour that he

he was wicked; he denied it not, being convinced by his conscience; but answered, he had been wicked the shortest time of any that ever had an interest in the *Athenian* Government. It seems he pleased himself, in that he had not alwaies been bad, and thought it no disparagement to him, so that he were not reckoned amongst the worst. But this of *Pytheas* was foolish; for not onely he who doth wrong is wicked, but he also in my opinion that hath an intention to doe wrong.

CHAP. XXIX.

That Lyfander brought wealth into Sparta.

Lyfander brought wealth into *Lacedemon*, and taught the *Lacedemonians* to transgress the Law of God, who charged that *Sparta* should have no way accessible for Gold or Silver. Hereupon some wise persons, who still retained the *Laconick* integrity: worthy *Lycurgus* and *Pythius* opposed him, others who gave way were branded with infamy. And their virtue, which had flourished from the beginning until then, perished.

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CHAP. XXX.

How Hanno would have Deified himself.

Hanno the *Carthaginian* through pride would not be contained within the bounds of Mankind, but designed to spread a fame of himself transcending that Nature which was allotted to him. For having bought many singing Birds, he brought them up in the dark, teaching them one Song, *Hanno is a God*. They hearing no other sound, learned this perfectly, and then he let them loose several waies, conceiving that they would disperse this Song concerning him. But flying abroad, and enjoying their liberty, and returning to their accustomed diet, they sung the notes proper to their kinds, bidding a long farewell to *Hanno*, and to the Song which he had taught them when they were kept up prisoners.

CHAP. XXXI.

Of Ptolemee surnamed Tryphon.

Ptolemee Tryphon, (for so he was called from his manner of living) when a beautiful Woman came to speak with him, said,

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"My Sister advised me not to admit discourse with a fair Woman. She confidently and readily replied, "You may receive it then from a fair Man; which he hearing commended her.

CHAP. XXXII.

Of Pimandridas, who praised not his Son for gathering together Riches.

A Lacedemonian named *Pimandridas*, being to take a Journey, committed the management of his estate to his Son. At his return finding his means increased much beyond what he had left, he told his Son that he had wronged the Gods, and those of his Family and Guests: For whatsoever abounds in our estates, should by such as are free persons be bestowed upon them. But to seem whilest we live, indigent, and being dead, to be found to have been rich, is the most dishonourable thing amongst men.

CHAP. XXXIII.

Of Plato and Diogenes.

Diogenes being present at a discourse of *Plato's*, would not mind it, whereat *Plato* angry said, "Thou Dog, why mindest thou not?

not? *Diogenes* unmoved, answered, "Yet I never return to the place where I was sold, as Dogs doe; alluding to *Plato's* Voyage to *Sicily*.

It is reported that *Plato* used to say of *Diogenes*, "This man is *Socrates* mad.

CHAP. XXXIV.

Of whom the Egyptians learned Laws, and of their Judges.

The *Egyptians* affirm that they learnt their Law of *Hermes*. Thus all people magnifie what belongs to themselves. The Judges amongst the *Egyptians* were of old the same with their Priests. Of these the eldest was the Chief, and Judged all; he must be the most just, and upright of men. He had a Sculpture about his neck of Saphire, which Sculpture was named Truth: but, as I conceive, a Judge should wear Truth not engraved in a Stone, but in his Mind.

CHAP. XXXV.

Of Lais.

Lais was called also *Axine* [an Axe,] which name implies the cruelty of her disposition,

position, and that she extorted much, especially of Strangers, who were to depart suddenly.

CHAP. XXXVI.

That they are ridiculous who think highly of themselves because of their Parents.

They are to be laughed at who think highly of themselves because of their Parents and Ancestors; for we know not the Father of *Marius*, but admire him for his own actions. As likewise *Cato*, *Servilius*, *Hostilius*, and *Romulus*.

CHAP. XXXVII.

Of Statues and Images.

Statues which the art of Carving affords us, and Images I use to look upon not carelessly; for there is much wisdom observable in this Art: which may be argued, besides many other things, from this, that no Carver or Painter did ever represent to us the Muses, in shape feigned, or misbecoming the Daughters of *Jupiter*: neither was there ever any Artist so mad as to represent them in Armour. Which demonstrateth, that the life of those who are addi-

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cted to the *Muses*, ought to be peaceful, quiet, and worthy of them.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

Of Epaminondas and Pelopidas.

I have been told many excellent sayings of *Epaminondas* the *Theban*, amongst the rest this; He said to *Pelopidas* that he never went out of the form every day, until he had gained a new friend to adde to the number of his old.

CHAP. XXXIX.

How Antalcidas found fault with a Present perfumed with Unguent.

A King of *Persia*, (for I will relate to you something pleasant) dipping a Garland which was woven of Roses, in sweet Unguents, sent it to *Antalcidas* who came to him on an Embassy for Peace. But he, "I receive" saith he, the gift, and commend the civility; but you have spoiled the native "odour of the Roses with the adulteration "of Art.

CHAP. XL.

Of the Cruelty of Alexander Tyrant of the Pheræans.

Alexander Tyrant of the *Pheræans* was thought to be extremely cruel. But when *Theodorus* the Tragick Poet did with much passion act the Tragedy *Aïrope*, he burst forth into tears, and rising up went out of the Theater: He made an Apology to *Theodorus*, that he went not away through any flighting or disrespect of him, but that he was ashamed to discover compassion at a Play, not shewing any to his Subjects,

CHAP. XLI.

Of Apollodorus his Madneß in Wine.

Apollodorus drinking Wine more then any man, did not conceal his Vice, or endeavour to hide his drunkenness, and the ill consequence thereof, but being enflamed and enraged with Wine, shewed himself more bloody, increasing the cruelty of his nature by this corporeal vice.

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CHAP. XLII.

A Sentence of Xenocrates.

Xenocrates friend of *Plato* used to say, That it is all one whether we put our feet or our eyes in the house of another man: for he sins as much who looks upon those places which he ought not, as he who enters upon them.

CHAP. XLIII.

Of Ptolemee and Berenice.

They say that *Ptolemee* used to pass his time at Dice. In the mean time one standing by, read the names of condemned persons, and the Crimes for which they were condemned, that he might decree who of them should be put to death. *Berenice* his Wife taking the Book from the Servant, would not suffer him to reade any farther, saying, That when the lives of men were in question, it should not be so slightly considered, but seriously and not at Play: for there is no comparison betwixt Dice and Men. *Ptolemee* was pleased herewith, and would never after hear Judicial affairs whilst he was playing at Dice.

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A Lacedemonian Law concerning Covetousness.

A young man a *Lacedemonian* having bought Land at an under-rate, was cited before the Magistrates and fined. The reason why he was thought worthy punishment, was this; That being a young-man, he was eagerly bent upon gain. Amongst other things of the *Lacedemonians* this was very manly, to oppose not onely Enemies but Covetousness.

CHAP. XLV.

Of certain Women worthy praise.

We extol of the *Grecian* Women, *Penelope*, *Alceſtis*, and the Wife of *Proteſſlaus*: Of *Romane*, *Cornelia*, *Porcia*, and *Cestilia*. I could reckon many more, but I will not, having alledged ſo few of the *Grecians*, overwhelm them with *Romane* names, left any one ſhould think I gratifie my own Countrey.

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CHAP. XLVI.

Of the Battel of the Magnetes againſt the Ephesians.

The *Magnetes* who border upon *Meander* warring againſt the *Ephesians*, every Horſeman took along with him a Hound, and a Servant that ſerved as an Archer. As ſoon as they came near, the Dogs falling fiercely upon the Enemy, diſordered them, and the Servants advancing before their Maſters, ſhot. The Dogs firſt routed them, then the Servants did them much harm; and laſtly, they themſelves fell upon them.

CHAP. XLVII.

Of Zeuxis his Picture of Helen, and of Nicostratus a Painter.

When *Zeuxis* the *Heracleote* had drawn *Helen*, *Nicoſtratus* a Painter was aſtoniſhed at the ſight of the Picture. One coming to him, asked what was the reaſon he ſo much admired the Workmanſhip; He answered, "If you had my eyes you would not ask me. I may ſay the fame of an Oration, if a man hath not learned ears, as an Artiſt ſkilful eyes,

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Persons of whom Alexander was jealous.

Alexander was jealous of Ptolemee's good fortune, of Arrhius his turbulency, and of Pytho's study of innovation.

CHAP. XLIX.

Why Philip made the Sons of the noblest Persons wait on him.

*Philip taking the Sons of the noblest in Macedonia, made them wait upon his person, not in contempt of them, or to affront them, but that he might make them ready and expedite for action. To such of them as were addicted to Luxury, or performed his Commands remissly, he is said to have been very severe. Thus he did beat *Aphthonetus*, because upon a march, being thirsty, he left his rank, and went out of the way to an Inne. *Archedanius* he put to death for putting off his Arms, when he had commanded him to keep them on.*

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- 16 *Of Italy, and of Mares both Man and Horse.*
- 17 *Of Demosthenes his Pride.*
- 18 *Of Themistocles.*
- 19 *That Demosthenes refused, being called by Diogenes to goe into a Cook's Shop.*
- 20 *Of Aristippus.*
- 21 *Of Theramenes.*
- 22 *Of Some that studied Medicine.*

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- 23 *Of Aristotle being sick.*
- 24 *Of the Luxury of Smyrdenides.*
- 25 *How Pisistratus behaved himself towards his Citizens.*
- 26 *Of Zeno and Antigonus.*
- 27 *Ingenuity of Manners.*
- 28 *Of Diogenes.*
- 29 *That Socrates was fearless, and despised Gifts.*
- 30 *Of the Providence of Anaxarchus.*
- 31 *Of a Wrestler who, having gained the Victory, died before he was Crowned.*
- 32 *Of the Statues of Phryne a Curtizan, and the Mares of Cimon.*
- 33 *The Answer of a young man to his Father, demanding what he had learned.*
- 34 *Of persons richly clad.*
- 35 *Of Anristhenes taking pride in a torn Cloak.*
- 36 *Of Antigonus and a Eutenist.*
- 37 *How Anaxarchus derided Alexander, who would be esteemed a God.*
- 38 *Of Alexander, and the Harp of Paris.*
- 39 *Of ridiculous and extravagant affections.*
- 40 *Of the Pilots of the Carthaginian Ships.*
- 41 *Of Pausanias and Simonides.*
- 42 *Of Artaxerxes and Darius.*

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- 1 *Of Pherenice admitted to behold the Olympick Games.*
- 2 *Of the Continency of Eubatas.*
- 3 *Properties of some Creatures.*
- 4 *Of Alexander's quickness in action.*
- 5 *Of Tyrants, out of Æliop's Writing.*
- 6 *Of Little men.*
- 7 *Of some Astronomers, and of the Great Year.*
- 8 *Of Benefits.*
- 9 *That Philoxenus was a Glutton.*
- 10 *Of the ancient Painters.*
- 11 *Of Diogenes having a pain in his Shoulder.*
- 12 *An Apophthegm. of Archytas concerning Men.*
- 13 *That Antilocheus defamed himself.*
- 14 *Of Idleness.*
- 15 *Of those who were betrothed to the Daughters of Aristides and Lyfander.*
- 16 *Of Antisthenes and Diogenes.*
- 17 *Of those who grew rich by publick Employments.*
- 18 *Of Syracusan Daphnis, and of Bucolick Verses.*
- 19 *Of Eurydamus.*

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20 *Of Agefilaus.*

21 *Of Plato.*

22 *Of Dioxippus.*

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- 1 *Of Oricadmus, and the Art of Wrestling.*
- 2 *Of the Verses of Orcebantius, Dares and Melifander.*
- 3 *Of Icchus, and Wrestling.*
- 4 *Of the Baldness of Agathocles.*
- 5 *Of some persons unjustly condemned for Sacrilege.*
- 6 *Of an Adulterer.*
- 7 *Of Lyfander and Alcibiades.*
- 8 *Of the death of Hipparchus.*
- 9 *Of certain excellent persons, Indigent, yet would not accept Gifts.*
- 10 *Of Zoilus.*
- 11 *Of Dionysius the Sicilian.*
- 12 *Of a Marchpane sent by Alcibiades to Socrates.*
- 13 *Of one in Sicily very sharp-sighted.*

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- 1 *Of Aspasia.*
- 2 *Of the Muses.*
- 3 *Of Epaminondas, and Diaphantus, and Iolidas.*
- 4 *Of Sesostris.*
- 5 *Of Laïs.*
- 6 *Of the Parents of Marius and Cato.*
- 7 *Of Alexander and Hephaestion.*
- 8 *Of the Treachery of Cleonenes to Archonides.*
- 9 *How Timesias forsook his Country voluntarily.*
- 10 *That the Æginetæ first coyned Money.*
- 11 *Of the Pallantian Hill, and of the Temple & Altar dedicated to Feaver.*
- 12 *Of an Adulterer apprehended in Crete.*
- 13 *How Gnathæna the Curtizan silenced a great Talker.*
- 14 *Of persons excellent in Beauty.*
- 15 *Of certain excellent persons who delighted to play with Children.*
- 16 *Persons whom Alexander hated for their Vertue.*
- 17 *Of Demetrius going to the House of a Curtizan.*
- 18 *That Phaon was beautiful.*

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- 19 *of Sappho.*
- 20 *Of the Nightingale and Swallow.*
- 21 *Of the Lacedemonian Women.*
- 22 *Of the Strength of Titormus and Milo, and of a certain Proverb.*
- 23 *Of the Boldness of the Celtæ.*
- 24 *Of the luxurious Diet and Gluttony of Smynderides.*
- 25 *Many who improv'd and benefitted the most excellent persons.*
- 26 *Of some persons addicted to Wine.*
- 27 *That Hercules was mild towards his Adversaries.*
- 28 *Of the Leocorium at Athens.*
- 29 *What Plato said of the Excess of the Agrigentines.*
- 30 *Of the Drunkenness of the Tarentines, and the Luxury of the Cyrenæans.*
- 31 *Of several kinds of Greek Wines.*
- 32 *Of the Vests and Shoes of Pythagoras, Empedocles, Hippias, and Gorgias.*
- 33 *That the Romans would not allow the Treachery of Pyrrhus his Physician.*
- 34 *Of the Loves of Pausanias, and of Appelles.*
- 35 *Of the Perianders, Miltiades, Sibylls, and the Bacides.*
- 36 *Of the number of the Children of Niobe.*

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- 37 *Of the want of Victual to which Alexander was reduced; and that some Towns were taken by Smoke.*
- 38 *Of the Horses, and some Customs of the Sacæ.*
- 39 *Of the Boldness of Perdiccas, and of the Lions.*
- 40 *Of the Provisions which followed Xerxes.*
- 41 *Of Protogenes the Painter.*
- 42 *Of certain Men who were suckled by Beasts.*
- 43 *Certain persons who of obscure became very eminent.*
- 44 *Of those who lived a long time in the Quarries of Sicily.*
- 45 *Of Midas, Plato, and Pindar, their infancy.*
- 46 *Of a Sign which portended that Dionysius should be King.*
- 47 *Of Aristomache Wife of Dio.*
- 48 *Of Homer's Poems.*
- 49 *That Phocion forgave Injuries.*
- 50 *Of the Lacedæmonians not addicting themselves to Learning.*
- 51 *Of the Pride of Menecrates, and how Philip derided him.*
- 52 *To what kind of persons Isocrates compared Athens.*

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- 53 *Of several occasions of great Wars.*
- 54 *How Aristotle endeavoured to appease Alexander's Anger.*
- 55 *Of those who among the Libyans were slain by Elephants, either in Hunting or in War.*
- 56 *What Diogenes said of the Megareans.*
- 57 *Of the Prodigies which appeared to the Thebans, when Alexander brought his Forces against their City.*
- 58 *Of Dioxippus.*
- 59 *Of Truth and Beneficence.*
- 60 *Of Dionysius and Philip.*
- 61 *Of honour given to the Wind Boreas.*
- 62 *A Persian Law concerning those who give the King Advice.*
- 63 *Of Archedice a Curtizan.*
- 64 *Of Alexander dead.*

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- 1 *Of Atalanta.*
- 2 *How Macareus was punished for Cruelty.*
- 3 *Of the Monument of Belus, and the unfortunate sign which happened to Xerxes there.*
- 4 *Of Euripides drunk at a Feast.*

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- 5 *Of Laius.*
- 6 *The properties of Arcadian, Thatian, and Achæan Wines.*
- 7 *Of the taking of Thebes by Alexander, and of Pindar.*
- 8 *Of Lyfander.*
- 9 *Of Lamia.*
- 10 *Of Dionysius marrying two Wives in one day.*
- 11 *Of the conquest over the Persians, and of Isocrates.*
- 12 *How Meton freed himself from an expedition; and of the madness of Ulysses.*
- 13 *Of the Munificence of Ptolemee.*
- 14 *Of the Verses and Poetry of Homer.*
- 15 *Of some persons extraordinary foolish.*
- 16 *Of the Apolloniats and of their Country, and of Epidamnium.*
- 17 *A Proverb, and of Phrynichus.*
- 18 *Of Dionysius.*
- 19 *What Cleomenes said of Homer and Hesiod.*
- 20 *Of one who died chearfully through willingness to see some of the dead.*
- 21 *Of Phrygian Harmony.*
- 22 *Of the Temple and Statue of Homer.*
- 23 *Of Lycurgus the Lacedæmonian.*
- 24 *Of some who have been harmed by*
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- Laws, which they themselves have made.*
- 25 *Of Pindar in a contest worsted by Corinna.*
- 26 *How Diogenes in extreme indigence comforted himself.*
- 27 *Of Socrates.*
- 28 *Of the Servant of Diogenes torn in pieces by Dogs.*
- 29 *Of Hope.*
- 30 *Of Olympias grieving for Alexander's death, and want of burial.*
- 31 *That Xenocrates was Compassionate.*
- 32 *How Socrates refuted the boasting of a Curtizan.*
- 33 *Of the fortune of Rhodopis a Curtizan.*
- 34 *Of Dionysius.*
- 35 *What natural remedies the Hart, being not well, useth.*
- 36 *Of the death of Eurydice, Daughter of Philip.*
- 37 *Of Gelo, and those who conspired against him.*
- 38 *Of Alcibiades.*
- 39 *Of Ephialtes.*
- 40 *Of Themistocles.*
- 41 *Of Phocion.*
- 42 *Of Epaminondas.*

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- 43 *Of Timotheus.*
- 44 *Of the emulation betwixt Themistocles and Aristides.*
- 45 *Of the Cruelty of Dionysius.*
- 46 *Of the Gratitude of a Dragon.*

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- 1 *How Aristotle stood affected as to love of Glory.*
- 2 *Of Agefilas, and the Barbarians breaking their Oaths.*
- 3 *Of Prodigality.*
- 4 *Of Aristides dying of the biting of a Weasel.*
- 5 *What persons the Athenians chose for Government.*
- 6 *Aristippus his opinion concerning cheerfulness.*
- 7 *A Lacedemonian Law concerning the Complexion and Constitution of the Body, and such as are too Fat.*
- 8 *How Polycletus and Hippomachus argued the common people of Ignorance.*
- 9 *Of the Patience of Xenocrates.*
- 10 *How Phocion retorted upon Demades.*
- 11 *How a King ought to behave himself towards his Subjects.*

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- 12 *How the Persian King employed himself whilst he travelled.*
- 13 *Of the Tragedies of Agatho.*
- 14 *Of Stratonicus a Lutenist.*
- 15 *Of the Discourses of Socrates.*
- 16 *Of the ambition of Hipponicus.*
- 17 *Of Archelaus, and of the Pictures of Zeuxis.*
- 18 *How one that was angry threatned to punish his Servant.*
- 19 *Of the Modesty of Archytas in speaking.*
- 20 *Of a ridiculous Story.*
- 21 *Of the Poet Syagrus.*
- 22 *Of a Tyrant forbidding his Subjects to talk together.*
- 23 *Of Clinias and of Achilles, who used to repress anger by Musick.*
- 24 *Of some persons, who have nothing valued Money in regard of their Countrymen. And of some who slew their Creditors.*
- 25 *How one persuaded a State concord.*
- 26 *Of Antagoras railing at Arecefilas.*
- 27 *Of Agefilas.*
- 28 *Of Pytheas an Orator.*
- 29 *That Lysander brought wealth into Sparta.*
- 30 *How Hanno would have Deified himself.*

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- 31 *Of Ptolemee surnamed Tryphon.*
- 32 *Of Pimandridas, who praised not his Son for gathering together Riches.*
- 33 *Of Plato and Diogenes.*
- 34 *Of whom the Egyptians learned Laws, and of their Judges.*
- 35 *Of Lais.*
- 36 *That they are ridiculous who think highly of themselves because of their Parents.*
- 37 *Of Statues and Images.*
- 38 *Of Epaminondas and Pelopidas.*
- 39 *How Antalcidas found fault with a Present perfumed with Unguent.*
- 40 *Of the Cruelty of Alexander Tyrant of the Pheræans.*
- 41 *Of Apollodorus his Madneſs in Wine.*
- 42 *A Sentence of Xenocrates.*
- 43 *Of Ptolemee and Berenice.*
- 44 *A Lacedemonian Law concerning Covetouſneſs.*
- 45 *Of certain Women worthy praise.*
- 46 *Of the Battel of the Magnesians against the Ephesians.*
- 47 *Of Zeuxis his Picture of Helen, and of Nicostratus a Painter.*
- 48 *Persons of whom Alexander was jealous.*
- 49 *Why Philip made the Sons of the nobleſt Persons wait on him.*